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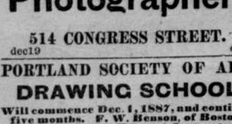

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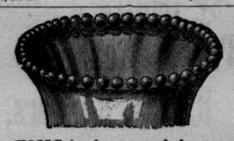

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THE WEATHER.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.

The indications for Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut are slightly warmer, threatening weather, followed by rain or snow, light to fresh winds generally northeasterly, except fresh to brisk winds on the coast of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

For Vermont and Eastern New York, warmer, threatening weather, followed by snow, light to fresh winds, generally southerly, except followed by rain in the southeast portion of New York.

LOCAL WEATHER REPORT.

PORTLAND, Me., Dec. 23, 1887.

	7 A M	3 P M	10 P M
Barometer	29.71	29.77	29.87
Thermometer	10.	20.	19.
Dew Point	3.	6.	3.
Humidity	72.	49.	58.
Wind	W	NW	NW
Velocity	5	13	5
Weather	Clear	Clear	Clear

Mean daily bar.	29.78	Maximum ther.	22.8
Mean daily ther.	13.3	Minimum ther.	8.8
Mean daily d'wpt.	4.0	Max. vel. wind	24
Mean daily hum.	66.3	Total precip	.0

METEOROLOGICAL REPORT.

(Dec. 23, 1887, 10.00 P.M.)

Observations taken at the same moment of time at all stations.

Place of Observation.	Height of the Barometer.	Thermo'ter Exposed.	Thermo'ter Shaded.	Wind Direction.	Wind Velocity	State of the Weather.
			1887.			
Eastport, Me	29.90	14	—4	NW		Clear
Portland, Me	29.98	16	—4	NW		Clear
Northfield	30.06	—4	—12	N		Clear
Boston, Mass	29.95	20	0	NW		Clear
Block Island	29.98	28	0	N		Fair
Nantucket	29.96	26	+2	NW		Cloudy
Albany, N. Y	29.86	14	—12	N		Cloudy
New York	30.00	30	+6	Clm		Clear
Philadelphia	30.00	28	+4	SW		Cloudy
Washington	29.98	34	+8	NW		Cloudy
Washington	29.94	30	+2	SE		Cloudy
Norfolk, Va.	29.96	40	+4	SE		Cloudy
Hatteras	29.96	48	+6	E		Cloudy
El Paso	30.24	28	+14	N		Clear
Jacksonville	29.84	52	+6	N		Rain
Montgomery	29.86	40	0	NE		Rain
New Orleans	29.74	44	+8	E		Rain
Cincinnati, O.	29.86	34	+14	SW		Cloudy
Pittsburg	29.86	26	+12	W		Cloudy
Buffalo, N.Y.	29.88	26	+2	S		Cloudy
Oswego	29.92	10	—8	SE		Fair
Cleveland						
Detroit	29.78	26	+10	SW		Cloudy
Dodge City	30.04	24	+14	NE		Clear
Grand Haven	30.16	26	+4	W		Snow
Marquette	29.72	24	+8	SE		Cloudy
Chicago, Ill.	29.78	16	+2	W		Cloudy
Des Moines	29.94	14	—12	NW		Clear
Duluth, Minn	29.82	26	+8	SW		Cloudy
St. Paul, Minn	29.82	10	—4	W		Fair
Leavenw'th	29.96	22	+16	N		Clear
Santa Fe	30.10	22	+6	SW		Clear
Assiniboine						
St. Vincent	30.16	2	+18	N		Clear
Deadwood	29.86	26	—6	Clm		Fair
Cheyenne	29.90	28	+2	W		Clear
North Platte	29.96	26	+4	NW		Clear
Denver, Col.	29.92	18	+8	S		Clear
Halifax	29.78	18	—6	N		Fair
Montreal	29.86	22	—8	N		Rain

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GENERAL NEWS.

Frank H. Roscoe, shoe manufacturer, South Norwalk, Conn., has assigned.

The annual report of the Metropolitan Elevated Railroad Company, of New York, shows net earnings of over 12 per cent. on the actual investment.

The Western Pennsylvania and New York railroad shops at Oil City, Pa., burned yesterday morning. Loss, $100,000.

The city of Rochester, N. Y., will use the Vacuum Oil Company for the damage done by Wednesday's explosion of naphtha.

The Canadian Pacific is troubled by landslides and washouts on its mountain division.

Steamer State of Georgia, at New York, reports a hurricane on the 13th instant, in which several sailors were injured and the steamer somewhat damaged.

The grand jury in New York has been dismissed without finding indictments against Ives and Staynor.

The National Opera Company is in trouble at Minneapolis, Minn., owing to suits brought against the manager by Mme. Fursch-Madi.

Reading coal handlers threaten a general tie-up at Elizabethport, N. J.

William Webber, who led a hermit's life in Plymouth, N. H., was found dead in his house Thursday evening. He was 75 years old.

Wilmot L. Warren, for twenty years connected with the Springfield Republican, and latterly its leading editorial writer, died last evening.

By the falling of a hanging lamp in the house of W. M. Eakin, at Brooksfield, Ohio, Eakin, his wife and two children were badly burned. One of the children died.

"GRAY GRIEF."

Two Journalists Terminate the Travels of Frank McNeally.

The Young Thief Arrested at an Hotel in Halifax.

Search Reveals, Instead of the Saco Bank's Missing Bonds,

Numerous Weapons, Costly Raiment and a Well Named Novel.

The Bonds Probably Already Handed Over to the Bank.

Harry McNeally On His Way to His Erring Brother.

Report of the Culprit's Release, Which Was Not Confirmed.

[Special to the Press.]

HALIFAX, Dec. 23.—Although it was announced that Frank McNeally, the Saco, Maine, savings bank robber, was expected to arrive at Halifax from Liverpool, and did arrive on Saturday night last, he was not located in this city until last night, and then the work was done by newspaper men. After the reporters had discovered and located him and were on the eve of having him arrested, a detective, who had obtained an inkling of the situation, stepped in and grabbed the man. McNeally arrived on the steamer Polynesian, under the name of "W. E. Stuyvesant." He went to the Halifax Hotel, where arrangements had previously been made for his board by another young man, who was then a guest and who told the proprietor that he was there to meet his cousin, who would be a passenger on the steamer, and would likely remain some weeks. "Mr. Stuyvesant" registered as from Washington, D. C., and was located in room 67, on the same flat as Consul General Phelan and family. He was seldom seen around the hotel and very little was known of him. The party who arranged for his board was his brother, Harry McNeally, who is believed to have come down in the interest of the Saco Bank to negotiate for the return of the $275,000 of bonds and securities stolen. Harry undoubtedly obtained possession of these securities, etc., and left for home Wednesday.

For some days past, Boston Globe reporters have been endeavoring to trace Harry's movements and thus find Frank. Last night D. J. McGrath arrived from Boston and consulted with Mr. Dennis, news editor of the Halifax Herald. At midnight Consul General Phelan, who boards in the hotel, and Proprietor Hesslien were consulted and informed that McNeally was in the house under the alias of Stuyvesant. They both agreed that the description of McNeally and the appearance of the youth registered as Stuyvesant were identical. Thereupon, the two reporters arranged to take immediate steps for his arrest in the morning. Meanwhile the police had been looking for him, watching the steamers, etc. This morning they discovered that the journalistic detectives had located him at the Halifax Hotel and were making arrangements for his arrest. Detective Power saw a young man answering McNeally's description being shadowed by Consul General Phelan and Reporters McGrath and Dennis, and promptly grabbed him. Both the police and the Consul General communicated with the bank authorities and await their instructions.

McNeally was thoroughly surprised. At first he denied that he was the man wanted, but subsequently admitted it to Mr. Phelan, the tears streaming down his face while he did so. The prisoner carried a large calibre, loaded revolver. His effects were searched in the presence of the Consul General and the two reporters. He has a magnificent outfit of clothes, which did not cost far from $750 and a quantity of jewelry. There was a very fine Winchester rifle in his bedroom, with a cartridge belt filled with heavy bullets. In his Gladstone portmanteau was a murderous looking dagger. Among his papers was a cipher code, which he had used in communicating with his Saco friends, and a copy of a despatch which, deciphered, reads as follows: "Danger. Some one has found out that I arrived on the Polynesian. Saw it in the papers." McNeally received a despatch from Maine yesterday, which he destroyed, and he expected another today. Consul General Phelan is loud in his praises of the work effected by the reporters which led to the arrest, and insists that they shall get a portion of the $2500 reward offered for his capture. Among the reading matter in McNeally's room was a novel entitled "Green Pleasure and Gray Grief."

ANOTHER ACCOUNT.

How "Mr. Stuyvesant" Was Recognized as Frank McNeally.

HALIFAX, Dec. 23.—The arrest of McNeally followed soon after his recognition by Consul General Phelan, and Mr. Hesslein. At breakfast it so happened that while McGrath was covering the early outgoing train, in order that the fugitive might not escape, McNeally came down and sat directly fronting the American Consul and the proprietor of the house. The moment they saw him, after having seen the photograph Mr. McGrath had brought from Boston with him, they both, with one accord, decided he was the man. There was now nothing else to be done but to call in the assistance of a Canadian officer and arrest him. The Americans, being foreigners, of course had no right to do so. Accordingly, Mr. Dennis was telephoned for in order (he being a citizen of the city) that he might bring in an officer and arrest the defaulter, who all this time stood at a window in the reading room, looking out upon the street.

McGrath and the American Consul stood where they could observe his every movement. Mr. Dennis quickly responded to the telephone call, and just as he came in Detective Power, the city detective, who had been watching the Halifax newspaper man's movements, rushed in just as McNeally went up the stairs to his room. Some one had told the Nova Scotia officer that there was a Yankee detective in the house shadowing McNeally, and seeing McGrath with the Consul General, he instantly put two and two together. No Yankee from Boston was going to come into his domain and carry off the honors of capturing a fugitive worth $7500 to any detective, if he could help it.

Before McNeally had reached the second landing, Detective Power put his hand on his shoulder. McNeally turned deadly pale and shook like an aspen leaf. "You are wanted in the States for the robbery of the Saco Savings Bank," said the officer.

"I—I—wanted?" gasped the frightened young man, "I have papers and telegrams to show I am not the party."

"Oh, no doubt," said Power, "but the marshal's office is in the next block; you had better go on down there and explain to him."

At the marshal's office Detective Power gave the young man over to one of the sheriffs. He said to Mr. Dennis after the defaulter had been locked up, that he had been watching him (Mr. Dennis), and seeing McGrath he took the latter for a detective from the United States. To step right up just as they were about to make the arrest was his prerogative and he exercised it. He said he had been on the watch for McNeally for a long time, but could get no definite trace of him until this morning, when he saw the two Americans and Dennis shadow this young stranger. Then of course he was morally certain that McNeally was the man they had under surveillance.

Following up the Case.

McGrath located McNeally through the movements of his brother Harry. Learning that Harry had gone to Halifax, McGrath followed, reaching here Thursday night. When he got there the hotel registers showed nothing that would ever indicate that anybody of the name of McNeally has ever been there.

The inquiry in Halifax began. The clue led up to this point, and here was where it had to be put together again. McGrath had made up his mind that he would locate Harry first, and then, having found him, discover Frank. He knew that Harry would have arrived Friday, and consequently started in to get a description of the arrivals of that date at the different hotels.

At the Halifax he secured the description of a man who seemed to fit Harry perfectly. Harry was, of course, registered under an assumed name. Investigation revealed the fact that he had engaged a room for a young man, a nephew of his, he said. His nephew came on the steamer Polynesian on Sunday, and under the charge of the above-mentioned alleged uncle he was ensconsed in room 67 under the name of W. E. Stuyvesant, Washington, D. C. McGrath reconnoitered, and soon discovered that W. E. Stuyvesant, of Washington, D. C., was a young man who a few months ago was Frank C. McNeally, of Saco.

McNeally's Magical Portmanteau.

In McNeally's big travelling bag, which was opened by Consul General Phelan, there were rich silk undershirts trimmed with satin, finest merino drawers, two thin flannel suits, suitable for cricketing, but more likely intended to be worn in the mild winter climate of the West Indies or Brazil; there was a suit of English woollen material of a very fashionable pattern. A dress suit of the very best English broadcloth then attracted admiration of even the newspaper men. The coat was lined with satin and the collar was of silk. There was an assortment of fine merino socks, etc., and 10 pairs of variously colored kid gloves. There were four suits of clothes in this portmanteau, besides a large assortment of bric-a-brac. In an English folding album were cabinet size photos of Queen Victoria, the Prince of Wales and of an American girl, apparently 19 years of age, who rivalled the princess in beauty. In another small album was a photo of Buffalo Bill, whose Wild West show McNeally had visited in London, and with whom he appeared to be as intimate as he was with the royal family. Inside the cover of this album was written the name "W. E. Stuyvesant, New York," showing that McNeally had used this alias for some time, but had not confined his residence to Washington, from whence he registered at Halifax. In the secret compartments of the leather writing case were two massive gold rings, from which the diamonds had been removed, several handsome gold sleeve links, studs, etc. On a sheet of paper appeared this sentence:

"This is not plain enough. If you telegraph again use the following cipher:"

Then followed an elaborate cipher code. There was nothing to show to whom this was sent.

AT McNEALLY'S HOME.

What His Brother Said of the Young Thief's Condition.

SACO, Dec. 23.—At 12 o'clock today the Saco & Biddeford Savings Institution received a telegram from the American consul at Halifax and the chief of police, stating that the Saco defaulter was in that city and would be detained till instructions were received from the bank. The message also stated that his trunk was in possession of the authorities there and would be held on the supposition that it contained the stolen securities.

An indictment for larceny, found by the grand jury at the last term of court in this county, still hangs over McNeally, and some claimed that, on that indictment he could be brought to this country for trial, providing the stolen securities could be found in his possession. One of the trustees said: "Oh, well he is just as safe in Halifax as he was in Liverpool. He cannot be extradicted on any charge that the bank may bring against him."

John C. Bradbury, when called upon by a reporter, expressed serious doubts about the bank being able to bring the young defaulter home, but "that is a question for the lawyers to decide," said he.

"If the stolen securities are found in McNeally's trunk, could not they be held and a civil suit for their recovery be brought by the bank?" was asked of Mr. Bradbury, to which he made reply that he did not know, and that that too was a question for the lawyers to decide.

Harry McNeally was in flurry of excitement. He sent a number of dispatches to Halifax and made preparation to start for the Provinces on the 4.20 train this afternoon. At 3 o'clock a telegram came from the Halifax authorities to ex-President A. M. Goodall, stating that McNeally could be detained but a few hours longer, and that instructions must be sent at once. Harry was informed of the contents of the message and sent back a reply, asking the authorities to hold the defaulter a few hours till he could arrive there.

Harry said it was his opinion that Frank would commit suicide, without waiting to see what action the bank could take in the matter. "He is so broken down," added Harry, "that he wouldn't care whether there was any chance for him or not, and I believe he would make away with himself at the first opportunity. It is to be inferred from this that Harry personally knows his brother's condition, and that on his recent trip to Halifax he did meet the defaulter. It is believed by some that Harry brought back a part of the stolen bonds, or made some negotiation with his brother for their return. Harry declines to state whether or not this supposition is true.

McNeally's Reported Release.

A telegram from the Halifax authorities was received in Saco at 4.15 this afternoon, stating that they could not lawfully hold McNeally any longer, and had released him from custody. They failed to find any of the bank's property upon him.

Later News from Saco.

The trustees of the Saco and Biddeford Savings Institution were in consultation much of the time this afternoon after the receipt of the telegrams from Halifax regarding the arrest of Defaulter Frank C. McNeally. When the news of the defaulter's release was received here, their countenances lengthened and they became as reticent as they were before their hopes were raised. What action they have taken or propose to take in the matter can only be surmised, as they positively refuse to impart any information touching upon the matter. Some are of the opinion that the bank has gained possession of part of the bonds stolen. But the general belief is that not a single dollar's worth of the stolen securities has ever been recovered.

Harry McNeally, brother of the defaulter, left for Halifax tonight. Whether the object of his trip is to complete any negotiations that may have been made with his brother, or to take any action in the interests of the bank, is unknown. It is said that he met his brother on the arrival of the steamer Polynesian at Halifax, last week there is but little doubt in the minds of those who have talked with him since his return.

HELD IN HALIFAX.

McNeally Provided With a Couch in the City Marshal's Office.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 25.—Frank C. McNeally today received a despatch from Cashier Kelly, of the Saco & Biddeford Savings Institution stating that his brother Harry left for Halifax as their agent to explain matters and make arrangements. He is expected to arrive Sunday. The State constable at Saco tonight telegraphed the Chief of Police to hold the prisoner until the proper papers could be forwarded. Consul Geneeal Phelan has received despatches from the teller of the Saco & Biddeford Savings Institution authorizing him to take care of any stolen bonds secured. McNeally occupies a couch in the city marshal's office tonight. He is guarded by two special officers. Nothing further is likely to develop until after his brother arrives. It is considered curious that if McNeally had any idea that he would be arrested that he did not leave Halifax. However, he could not go far as all the cash in his possession was $35. He has made no effort to secure legal counsel.

Nothing has been found to give any clue, and there has been considerable speculation as to the means by which McNeally escaped from the United States. All he would say on the subject was that he had passed through Montreal. The victimized bank offered a reward of $2500 for the runaway's capture and $500 for the recovery of the bonds. Detective Powers will claim the entire reward as he states the arrest will lead to the restoration of the stolen bonds either through the prisoner himself or his brother. It is understood the bank officials are not anxious to prosecute if the bonds are given up, but if they refuse the State will step in.

THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

Mr. Boutelle Introduces a Bill for Bridging the Boundary.

The Man Who Will Take Col. John G. Nicolay's Position.

Postal Telegraph to Occupy the Minds of Committee Men.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Among the bills introduced in the House, under the new rule yesterday was one by Mr. Boutelle, appropriating $60,000 for the construction of four bridges across the St. John and St. Francis rivers, where they form the boundary between Maine and New Brunswick, provided that the government of Canada appropriate a like sum.

The Postal Telegraph.

Senator Sawyer, chairman of the Senate post office committee, says that he will bring the subject of postal telegraph before the committee very early after the holiday recess. He expresses the opinion that the committee will set about the study of the question at once, and in earnest.

Some Nominations Confirmed.

The Senate has removed the injunction of secrecy from all confirmations made before the holiday recess, including the following: Samuel T. Williams of Maryland, to be Secretary of the Legation in Brazil; C. S. Straus Minister to Turkey; S. S. Carlisle of New Orleans, to be Minister to Bolivia; J. G. Walker of Texas, to be Consul-General at Bogota.

Removed by the Secretary.

Secretary Whitney has informed W. H. H. Smith, chief clerk of the Bureau of Steam Engineering, that his services will not be needed after January first. Smith has been in the Navy Department 20 years.

The Nation's Gratitude.

Pensions have been awarded the following Maine people:

ORIGINAL.

Albert H. Davis, West Newfield.
John R. Webb, Skowhegan.

INCREASE.

John Thornton, Foxcroft.
Nehemiah Littlefield, Monroe.

REISSUE.

Lewis B. Morse, Searsmont.

RESTORATION AND REISSUE.

Hiram Merchant, Hancock Point.

About a Committee.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—A Washington special to the Telegram says: "Speaker Carlisle has decided upon the membership of the way and means committee. The Democratic members will be Mills, Chairman; Cox, McMullan, Breckinridge of Kentucky, Breckenridge of Arkansas, Turner and Bynum. The Republican members will be Kelley, Brown, Reed, McKinley and Fuller. Mr. Fuller was one of the Republicans who voted in the last Congress for the consideration of the Morrison bill. As the committee now stand there is not a protectionist among the majority while only one free trader has been assign to the minority.

Col. Nicolay's Successor.

Major J. M. Wright, of Louisville, has been appointed Marshal of the United States Supreme Court, in place of Col. J. G. Nicolay, who has held the position for 15 years. Wright is a son of Gen. George Wright, U. S. A., who commanded the department of the Pacific during the war, and was lost on the steamship Brother Jonathan, in 1865, going from San Francisco to Oregon. His son has a large army connection. He was at West Point at the beginning of the war, but resigned his cadetship to become assistant adjutant general of volunteers on the staff of Major General Buell. After the war he settled in Louisville and began the practice of law. He served four years as a member of the Kentucky Legislature and four years as Adjutant General. Subsequently he was president and general manager of the southern exposition, which President Arthur formally opened in Louisville in 1883. He has been an editorial writer on the Courier-Journal.

John G. Nicolay was a country school teacher in Illinois when Abraham Lincoln was nominated for the presidency, and after the Republican headquarters were opened at Springfield he tendered his assistance in the clerical work there. He was a quiet, hard working young fellow, and Mr. Lincoln grew to like him, and when the time came for the President to assume the duties of his position in Washington he took Mr. Nicolay with him as his private secretary. It was a happy choice, and during all the bitter days of the war the former schoolmaster was the faithful, silent and loyal intimate of the great President.

MAINE.

Frozen Up.

BIDDEFORD, Dec. 23. - The Saco river closed to navigation last night. It has remained open longer than in any season for many years. A large crop of ice will be harvested this winter.

Ninety-Two Years.

GARDINER, Dec. 23.—James Bailey, of Pittston, died at his residence, Friday, at the advanced age of 92 years. He was formerly a sea captain and was probably the oldest Mason in the State, having joined Hermon Lodge, in this city, in 1821.

Mr. Andrews in Trouble.

BIDDEFORD, Dec. 23.—Detective Tarbox tonight arrested Fred L. Andrews, representative of the firm of James Andrews & Sonstone contractors, who recently went into insolvency for a large amount. The arrest was made on a warrant charging him with obtaining money on false pretences. The firm owed thirty-five workmen their wages from October 17th to December 2d. By the terms of the contract the money which the firm received from contractor Miles Turner of New York, through whom the stone was furnished for the Harlem River Bridge, was to be paid on the arrival of each vessel. Cash was to be remitted by check to a committee of four, Fred Andrews representing the employers and the committee representing the quarrymen and cutters. A check for $1,600 came yesterday and Fred Andrews got the committee to endorse it, claiming he intended to settle with the workmen. He got it cashed today but did not pay the men.

The Constables at Work.

BANGOR, Dec. 23.—The State constables today made seizures on Main and Broad streets. They got no considerable amount of liquor in either place but think that they will prosecute one of the men. Constable Jellison was in the city from Oldtown today. He says that they are still selling there but more on the sly than ever before. Fred Soucl, whom he searched yesterday, was up in the municipal court and was fined $100 and costs for seizure. There are numerous rum holes in Oldtown that need a good cleaning out and Mr. Jellison proposes to do it.

A reporter saw Constables Harriman and Mayville this noon in reference to the article now going the rounds of the papers concerning their selling out. The officers said that they had already heard of it and they appeared very indignant in reference to it. They pronounced the whole thing to be an unmitigated falsehood. "You can say," said one of them, "that there is not money enough in Bangor to buy us up. We have been appointed to carry out this business and we propose to do it. We shall not resign under any condition whatever, but we shall go in and make it lively for the rum-sellers." Numerous other things were said attesting their meaning to put down the sale of liquor in this city. They are anxious to know who first sent out the report.

More About the Alfred Watts.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23.—The letter announcing the loss of the Alfred Watts has caused much excitement along the wharves. Never since the existence of the Maritime Exchange has there been so many lives lost in a vessel sailing from this port. When the ship Alfred Watts sailed down the Delaware in tow of the tug George W. Pride, Jr., early in the morning of Oct. 8th, she was in charge of Captain F. H. Johnson, master, with John R. Ray as first mate and Edward Clark as second mate. L. Elleran was ship carpenter; Oscar Link and J. T. Hipperton, boatswains: A. Mow, steward; Ah Cann, a Chinaman, cook. The vessel carried the following crew: A. T. Sweeney, Henry Killey, George Murray, Charles Caee, J. C. Peterson, George Tulpiz, Patrick Banagaw, Charles Hensen, Edward Garrity, I. Augustus, John Johnson, A. Crow, Harry Magnus, G. Linel, Erich Augustus, Andrew Womansen, Charles Hench, Thomas Cable and Carl Peterson.

MRS. DR. MILLETT.

The Lewiston Woman Who Kept a Fortune in Her House.

LEWISTON, Dec. 23.—The recent death of Mrs. Dr. Millett, of this city, was not more curious than her life and, in many respects, not more sad. Since her death the strangest part of it all has come to light and that is, how she kept her money. Peter Bennett with $30,000 in a trunk in the quiet town of Newport, where every stranger is looked at curiously, was not a circumstance to Mrs Dr. Millett, living in a crowded street in a section not unfrequented by roughs, with $25,000 constantly in reach of her finger tips. The gentry with itching palms would like to have known it and have known also about the little back window that could so easily have been pried up and have given admittance.

It is said that the most of Mrs. Millett's fortune was discovered in the house. An old fashioned veneered bureau, sitting in a back room, held $3,100 in bank bills, each $100 packet being neatly folded and laid one on top of the other. Besides these, there was a liberal amount of silver; bonds of various kinds including railroad, town, city and county and bank books on nearly all the banks of Lewiston and Auburn. The propensities of Mrs. Millett were not towards extravagance. She didn't throw away any money. She has lived alone in the house where her husband died thirty-three years ago last August, and has hardly changed a single feature of it since then. In these years the Dr. Millett mansion that was once thought to be one of the finest in the city has become one of the little old fashioned houses on a by-street, half retired from public notice.

LEWISTON REPUBLICANS.

Take the First Steps in the Formation of a Club.

LEWISTON, Dec. 23.—Last night the first steps were taken for the formation of a Republican club here. Despite the storm there was a large attendance at the small hall in the City Building, where the meeting was held. At 8 o'clock the meeting was called to order by Chairman Judkins of the Republican city committee, and George A. Callahan was chosen temporary chairman, with Frank L. Noble, Esq., as clerk.

On motion of Archie L. Talbot amended by F. W. Parker, Esq., it was voted that a committee of two from each ward be appointed to present at an adjourned meeting, a permanent organization for a Republican club and constitution and by-laws for the same.

Pending the passage of this motion interesting remarks were made upon methods and matters of organization and the general scope and plan of work for such a club. Among the speakers were Chairman Judkins Alderman Barker, Col. F. M. Drew, Frank L. Noble, Esq., Frank W. Parker, Noel B. Potter, N. B. Stockbridge, John Harper, George A. Callahan, O. W. Emerson, Alderman Angers, ex- Mayor J. H. Day and Judge Knowlton.

The following committee was appointed by the chair: Ward 1, J. H. Day and Edwin C. Plummer; Ward 2, A. D. Barker and C. M. Lunt; Ward 3, N. B. Stockbridge and S. A. Cummings; Ward 4, Geo. W. Furbush and H. C. Bradford; Ward 5, P. X. Angers and J. M. Sherman; Ward 6, Noel B. Potter and J. J. Davis; Ward 7, A. L. Talbot and F. W. Parker.

FOUR MEN KILLED.

How Mr. McDonald Heated His Dynamite and the Result.

[Special to the Press.]

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 13.—At 25 minutes past six this morning a terrible explosion of dynamite occurred at McDonald's lime quarry, four miles south of Brookfield, which resulted in the death of four men and the wounding of two more persons. Contrary to the usual mode, and despite the protestations of the cook, Mary Harris, Mr. McDonald placed a kettle full of dynamite cartridges in a larger pot containing hot water and the whole was put on the stove in the boarding house in order to thaw out the explosives. The cook had just gone to another room to eat her breakfast when the dynamite exploded with terrific force, completely destroying the house. The men rushed up from the quarry near by and parties were at once despatched to telegraph for a doctor. The names of the killed are:

Alexander McDonald, of Truro.
Finlay McDermid.
James Hoffman.
Edward Wessell.

Henry Hinds and Mary Harris were injured. The scene of the accident presented a dreadful appearance, and the bodies of the killed, as they were recovered from the debris, were terrible to behold. The body of Alexander McDonald was literally incinerated and his legs were broken in several places. A valise of dynamite, which was concealed in the stairway, did not explode on account of its being frozen.

BANGOR'S BOARDERS.

Russians, Fins, Italians, Swedes and Greeks Among Them.

BANGOR, Dec. 23.—Just at present the city of Bangor has an unusually large number of inmates at her poorhouse, there having been a recent addition of fifty-eight Russians, Fins, Italians, Swedes and Greeks, all able bodied men. They are from the line of the new railroad. They are quartered in a large building well littered with straw, and pass their time playing cards and smoking, all the while keeping up a rousing fire. It is claimed that under a state law, the New York Steamship Company, which brought them here, must take them back, as they are without visible means of support, and have not been one year in the Commonwealth, but this the steamship people absolutely refuse to do. Tuesday, the steamer departed, and the crowd gathered on the wharf and loudly clamored for passage, and it looked at one time as though they intended to board the craft by force, but violence was not offered. Just who will furnish transportation and settle the rapidly increasing board bill is a question which cannot at this time be answered.

A Missouri Vendetta.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 23.—The Terry-Waggonner vendetta in Iustone county, is still on and will probably result in more bloodshed. Three men have been killed lately and six wounded. The Terry brothers, five in number, were charged with many crimes and a vigilance committee organized to drive them out of the county. The Terrys with their friends overwhelmed the leaders of the vigilantes. One of the Terry's was severely shot from an ambesh and a few days later a member of the anti-Terry faction was killed by an unknown hand.

The Situation in Kansas.

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 23.—The situation in Western Kansas has greatly improved in the last 24 hours. The weather has moderated and the supply of coal is being increased. This, it is believed, will supply destitute communities for one week, and the Atchison Railroad Company think that by that time they will be able to supply any future demand.

Earthquake in the Bay State.

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—A deep rumbling

THE PRESS.

SATURDAY MORNING, DEC. 24.

We do not read anonymous letters and communications. The name and address of the writer are in all cases indispensable, not necessarily for publication but as a guarantee of good faith.

We cannot undertake to return or preserve communications that are not used.

The Queen, it appears, doesn't like Albert Edward's patronage of that famous Bostonian John L. Sullivan, and has made known her annoyance to him by letter. Albert Edward can put in by way of extenuation that other great men have treated the American brute and bruiser with the most distinguished consideration—Mayor O'Brien of Boston for instance.

The proclamation of the Virginia Senate to the country that the State does not intend to pay its debts, and that the bondholders had better take what they can get and shut up is one of the most disgraceful pronunciamentos that has ever gone forth from a commonwealth. There is not the excuse of poverty, for Virginia is rich and her debt is not heavy. It is a case of rank dishonesty on part of a whole commonwealth.

McNeally is in the custody of the Halifax officers, but as his crime, which is larceny, is not an extraditable offence it is difficult to see how he can be brought back to Biddeford unless he consents to come which is not likely. Had any of the stolen property been found in his possession he might have been indicted and punished under the laws of Nova Scotia, but an examination of his effects revealed nothing of the kind.

The Argus does not quote the PRESS fairly. The PRESS has not expressed any opinion as to whether tobacco is rightly classed as a necessity or not. It simply pointed out that the theory on which luxuries are given the preference as articles of taxation, namely, that they were purchased chiefly by the rich, did not hold good as regards tobacco, inasmuch as domestic tobacco, as is well known, is largely purchased by the poor.

We imagine there would be very little chance for the abolition of the Congressional Record even if the majority, or even every member of the committee, should report in its favor. The Record is the only means the great majority of the members of the House have of rescuing their names from oblivion. Their lucubrations, or lucubrations that they have paid for, on all sorts of subjects are published in it, and then sent round to their constituents. This is the only way they have of convincing the latter what great men they are, and how their constituency would suffer if they were left at home. Full reports to the Associated Press would do them no good, because the Associated Press would only report speeches actually delivered.

It needs to be borne in mind that the main object of revising the tariff or reducing the internal revenue taxes at the present time is to reduce the income of the government and thus keep in business channels money that will otherwise be locked up in the treasury with no chance to get out. In other words tariff revision and reduction of internal revenue taxation are only means to an end which end is the reduction of the surplus. Both parties agree that the surplus must be reduced; the question that divides them is one of means. The Republicans are in favor of the plan that will accomplish the end sought with the least disturbance to the business of the country. The end to be accomplished is steadily kept in view by them. But the Democrats, or the free trade wing of the Democrats, appear to be forgetting the end and are divising schemes rather with a view to their effect upon the present tariff than their effect upon the surplus. It is far from certain that Mr. Carlisle's measure would cut down the surplus. But it would reduce the protection now extended to our manufacturers and wool growers, and that is enough to commend it to him and his allies. Its effect upon the surplus is a secondary consideration.

The Lewiston Journal says:

A few days ago the Portland PRESS published a dispatch from Augusta stating that Judge Whitehouse of the Superior Court had decided that the *prima facie* section of the prohibitory law was unconstitutional. As the despatch was sent over the country by the Associated Press, and was paraded under glaring headlines by many papers as a serious blow to prohibition, the Augusta Journal corrected the statement according to its understanding of the charge of Judge Whitehouse, and said that the Judge did not decide that the *prima facie* clause is unconstitution, and in the same way that he previously did at a previous term of the court.

The Journal appears to see the necessity for some better defence for the bumptious performance of its Kennebec contemporary than that contemporary has made for itself, in sending out through the Associated Press a despatch a quarter of a column long stating that:

The correspondent of the Portland PRESS from this city sent a long special yesterday in relation to the ruling of the Judge of the Superior Court on the *prima facie* clauses act of the last legislature concerning the payment of the special tax by liquor sellers

and then proceeding to say that there was nothing new in the despatch, that the same ruling was given last September, and that "we are informed by a member of the bar that Judge Whitehouse raised the question in a prominent law journal last May." So it quietly injects the statement that "the despatch was sent over the country by the Associated Press, and was paraded under glaring headlines by many papers as a serious blow to prohbition," and alleges this as a reason why the Kennebec Journal sent through the Associated Press its pompous despatch, beginning the "Kennebec Journal will say" &c., in other words that it was its devotion to the cause of prohibition, and its fear that that might be injured that instigated the Journal's despatch. Now as a matter of fact the original despatch was not sent to the Associated Press, nor had it been "paraded in many papers with glaring headlines" up to the time the Journal sent its alleged correction. It had appeared simply in the Portland PRESS. So the premise of the Lewiston Journal falls to the ground and its explanation falls with it. We have abundant circumstantial evidence to show why the Kennebec Journal so suddenly became impressed with its duty to the Associated Press as to send a despatch over the country saying that there was nothing new in a despatch that had been sent the day before. It was not because of its devotion to the cause of prohibition by any means.

There are only one or two points in Mr. Drummond's communication that call for reply. The PRESS would not have quoted Judge Whitehouse's opinion expressed off the bench, unless it had good reason for believing that the Judge, when he expressed that opinion, knew that it was to be published. Now, concerning the meaning of Judge Whitehouse's remark. His language as published was: "If that law was intended to compel a jury to find a verdict of guilty on a special tax alone, and it was so intended, then I pronounced it unconstitutional." The phrase, "and it was so intended," is evidently parenthetical, and if so regarded, the sentence is grammatical, and a perfectly natural method of expression. Whether or not we had the right to infer from Judge Whitehouse's instruction, namely, that the jury might say that the liquor tax, taken in connection with the circumstances surrounding the defendant's premises was sufficient to authorize them to find a verdict of guilty, that, without these surrounding circumstances, that is, upon the tax alone, the jury would not be authorized to find a verdict of guilty, seems to be now the principal point on which Mr. Drummond and the PRESS disagree. We agree with Mr. Drummond that it would not be fair to hold a judge responsible for all the inferences, even the inevitable inferences, that might be drawn from the various statements and opinions expressed in his charge. But when a judge undertakes to construe a criminal statute of the State for the guidance of the jury, and, necessarily, also, for the guidance of the prosecuting officer, we should expect him to do it with such care and with such accuracy of language that there would be no room for inferences which he did not intend, especially inferences vitally affecting the meaning of the law. Supposing, in this particular case, the jury had not believed the testimony as to the inculpating circumstances surrounding the premises, had found after retiring to their room that no such circumstances existed, and that the liquor tax was the only credible inculpatory evidence, could they have returned a verdict of guilty on that tax alone under Judge Whitehouse's charge? We think not.

But we care nothing about the inference, For the purposes of this discussion we are willing to admit that it is unjustified, and then we can maintain our original assertion that Judge Whitehouse annulled the law on Mr. Drummond's construction of it as well as upon Mr. Heath's. In last Saturday's Advertiser Mr. Drummond said:

As the law formerly was, the judge could say to the jury that this evidence would not authorize a conviction, whereas now he must say to the jury that it will authorize a conviction.

Now, if it cannot fairly be asserted that Judge Whitehouse instructed the jury that a liquor tax standing alone and unexplained was *insufficient* to convict, it certainly cannot be claimed that he instructed them that standing alone and unexplained the liquor tax was *sufficient*. But, according to Mr. Drummond's construction of the law, the latter instruction Judge Whitehouse must give. He did not give it, therefore he annulled the law even on Mr. Drummond's construction of it. Now, if he annulled Mr. Heath's construction, as is generally admitted, and Mr. Drummond's construction too, he annulled every construction that has been put upon it, except Gen. Dow's, that it was meant to do no harm and to stir up the county attorneys.

CURRENT COMMENT.

MR. CURTIS'S UNREASONABLE MOOD.

[Newburyport Herald.]

Mr. Curtis feels toward the Republican party as the Oldtown farm wife did toward the cat. "Scat, you beast," said she. "You shan't stay up stairs, nor down cellar, nor in the house, nor out of doors, nor anywhere else."

AN ENGLISH COMPLIMENT.

[London Morning Post.]

For years past the whole orthodox school of free traders have been denouncing the blindness of America. Sometimes the accent was that of reproach, sometimes of pathetic regret, sometimes of scornful jeer; but America meanwhile paid off the national debt and built up manufacturing industries which for the excellence of their goods are renowned throughout the world.

THE TARIFF AND THE TRUSTS.

[St. Louis Globe-Democrat.]

A free trade journal speaks of what it amusingly terms "the President's merciless exposure of the Trusts." The President and the journal referred to may or may not be aware, but it is the fact, nevertheless, that of the three biggest Trusts in the country two are totally unprotected by the tariff, and the third is in a product on which the tariff is for revenue only. The Trusts hinted at are those in anthracite coal, petroleum and sugar.

WHERE THE SHOE PINCHES.

[New York Sun.]

Circumstances alter cases.

Senator Pugh of Alabama goes in for cutting down the surplus by admitting wool free.

No wool is produced in Alabama.

At the same time he wants to put a duty of five dollars a ton on pig iron, of which Alabama is a great producer.

Nobody wants free trade in the productions of his own constituents. Even Henry Watterson and James B. Beck are against free trade in whiskey.

POTENTIALITIES OF WEALTH UNDREAMED OF.

[Providence Journal.]

The student of the land problem of the United States well understands that within a quite limited period the necessity for utilizing land other than that of the government will be apparent, and toward the South, rather than to the Northwest or even the Southwest, the attention of many will be turned. Among the many localities of present interest, and of future promise, it will be new to the majority that East Tennessee, so, near, and so accessible, possesses, apparently, the largest and finest of Southern valleys. Making all deductions, it is certain that the natural resources of the country from Nashville to Charleston are, in land fertility, in coal and oil simply immense. This is a speck upon the map of the South. Its undeveloped riches may be multiplied many times by that of other sections in respect of other natural material. The lesson is, that the most intelligent, save the statisticians are not appreciative of the extent, or of the value of our territorial possessions, and that the most sanguine can hardly conceive the growth of the country in population, wealth and power in the near future.

THE STATE.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

In closing up the affairs of the Bridgton Shoe manufacturing Company, Treasurer Bennett issued a statement showing that the corporation received from all sources, including the final disposition of the property, $4,691.75. Its total disbursements aggregated $3,516.60, leaving about $1,157.15 to be returned to the stockholders, or about 42 per cent of what was paid upon the assessment.

At the Governor's funeral, the men of the Brunswick battery left their new overcoats in their quarters while they marched. Upon returning for them, they found 21 new coats gone and 20 well-worn ones left in their places. They could do no better than to accept them at the time, and did so, but they entered a complaint at the proper quarters, in order to secure the return of the new coats.

KENNEBEC COUNTY.

Two boys at Windsor are suffering from a disease that seems like trichiniasis.

Orders were received in Hallowell Wednesday, by the Kennebec river mills to place 150 looms on sheeting. Orders are expected daily to start up more looms.

A British Naturalization Society is talked of by the English residents of Waterville.

Rev. James E. Mills of Riverside, died Monday. He was a Freewill Baptist clergyman, much loved and respected.

KNOX COUNTY.

The Knox Agricultural and Horticultural Society will be reorganized at Rockland next Wednesday.

Concerning 650 gallons of whiskey lately spilled in Rockland, the Opinion says that the man who would bring such mean and poisonous whiskey into a town deserves the utmost penalty provided by our liquor law. The Opinion describes the stuff as "soul destroying and diaphragm rending."

PISCATAQUIS COUNTY.

A new stage line is to be put on Moosehead Lake this winter by Messrs. A. H. Walker and F. D. Bigney, to run from Greenville Junction to the outlet.

PENOBSCOT COUNTY.

A gang of fifty Italians came to Bangor from Greenville Wednesday night. The crew of railroad laborers at the city farm in Bangor still remain there, and the city authorities are to bring a suit against the owners of the steamer Caroline Miller for their keeping.

A meeting of the stockholders of the Dexter Woolen Mills Company has been called by the directors, to be held in Kennebunk, next Wednesday) the 28th, to see what shall be done by the company in relation to the sale of the mill property; also as to settlement of any debts due to or from the corporation.

SOMERSET COUNTY.

The citizens of St. Albans offer inducements to capitalists to locate a woolen mill in their town. The town has already voted to exempt such an enterprise from taxation for ten years.

YORK COUNTY.

Clark & Chaplin, of Portland, are making preparations to rebuild their ice houses on the wharf in Saco, and have contracted with Marston & Durgin to fill them with ice. Whether the whole building, or only that part which escaped being wrecked by the wind last spring, will be stocked is not yet decided upon. The capacity of the old building was 7000 tons.

Massachusetts parties were in Biddeford yesterday, looking over the ground for a street railway to be constructed in Biddeford and Saco, and to connect with Old Orchard. They were driven to Old Orchard, and expressed themselves as favorably impressed. One proposition now under discussion is for a horse railway in the two cities, and an electrical motive power to be employed between Beach street, Saco, and Old Orchard.

A Big Maine Hennery.

[Belfast Journal.]

The readers of the Journal may be interested in a few items concerning the Bay View Poultry yard at Sandy Point conducted by the French Bros. Their buildings, covering an area of 942 ft., are from 12 to 28 ft. in width and divided into pens from 6 to 7 ft. wide, with a continuous passage through them 3 to 4 ft. wide. The buildings are all warmed with hot water, which circulates through 1000 ft. of two inch pipe, and the houses are thoroughly ventilated, thus ensuring the health of the poultry. They feed a full variety of grains in a very systematic manner, and think that the only true way of feeding any kind of fowl. The water is brought seven-tenths of a mile and flows from bed-rock. Cleanliness is considered essential and the houses are thoroughly cleansed every second day. The houses are connected by 300 feet of snow walks 4 ft. wide, so they can pass from the house to the hen houses without going out of doors, rain or shine, which adds much to the comfort of those who care for the fowls. In the houses for the older fowls each pen has from fifteen to thirty birds. Last season they hatched about 5000 chicks and ducks and have marketed all but about 700, which are the choicest selected from the whole, giving them some very fine birds to breed from. Their stock consists of Wyandottes, Houdlette Strain, Light Brahmas, Duke of York strain, Plymouth Rock, Hawkins strain, Pekin Ducks, Rankin strain. They are unsurpassed for marking, great size and laying qualities. At present the proprietors are getting five dozen eggs per day and will soon have many more. Two incubators are running with 1200 hens eggs, and the bird will be started about Dec. 10th, when the first hatch of the season will come off. The French Bros. have on hand at present 10 tons of grain for the winter's feeding, some kinds of which will have to be replenished from time to time. At this time they have three men in their employ taking care of the hennery, headed by Mr. Manly Richards, who is equal to the work.

A Novel League in Alexandria.

[Washington Despatch to North American.]

The young men of Alexandria are determined that the young ladies whose society they have monopolized during the year shall not be neglected during the holiday season. A number of them met during the week and decided on a schedule of Christmas rates, which the young men must honor or be subjected to social ostracism forever. Any young man who has been in the habit of calling on three or more young ladies during the year and has occasionally invited them to the theatre, taken them to drive or sufficiently gratified the young ladies craving for oysters and caramels will be let off for $5 worth of presents. He who has divided his time between two young ladies only must expend $7.50 at least, and display no partiality in awarding his favors. The young man who has selfishly devoted all his time to one young lady has helped to wear out the drawing-room carpet, and cause the young lady's father to start in horror at the coal and gas bills, will be mulcted in $25, and if he fails to respond to that demand he will be boycotted by all the young ladies in the city.

A penalty of $20 is put on prospective bachelorhood, and any young man who is known not to have called on any young lady during the year must pay that amount into the association treasury, and hold himself in readiness to aid the others in fulfilling their obligations should their cash run short. All the pains and penalties of a boycott will be visited or any young man who by sweetmeats, flattery or other method has endeavored to gain the admiration of his sweetheart's mamma.

The association will meet January 2, when the penalties will be adjudged.

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THERE will be a meeting of the Children's Christmas Club, WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON at 4.15 o'clock; also SATURDAY MORNING at 10 o'clock at City Building.

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Great Bargains in Holiday Goods

Don't fail to see our choice Holiday Goods, before making your purchases. Everything new and fresh. Our goods always give satisfaction.

Down Skirts,	Lined Work Baskets,
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Emb'd Pillow Shams,	French Fans,
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Satin Shirts,	Dressing Cases,
Plush Glove Boxes,	Shaving Cases,
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Plush Handkerchief Boxes,	Smokers' Sets,
Plush Work Boxes,	Comb and Brush Sets,
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Gents' 75c Neck Ties 37 1-2c; 20c Colored Silk Handkerchiefs 10c; Ladies' 25c White Hemstitched Handkerchiefs 12 1-2c; Linen Table Sets in great variety; Ladies' and Gents' Silk Umbrellas, with Gold Silver and Nickel Handles, Embroidered, Initial, Hemstitched and Silk Handkerchiefs, for Ladies, Gentlemen and Children; Satin Cleveland, Satin Cameo, Royal Leicester, Coraline, and Bronze Pitchers, Vases, Urns, &c. We will sell these goods at very Low Prices, to close them out this week. Store Open Every Evening.

J. M. DYER & CO.,

511 CONGRESS STREET.

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A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY!

100 Holiday Presents Free !

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One hundred presents, including a Lady's beautiful Gold Stem-Winding Watch, a Silver Set, Silver Cake Basket, Castor, and other valuable articles of Jewelry and Silver Ware, Oil Paintings, etc., etc., too numerous to mention, will be given to customers who buy goods of us before the above date. Call and register your name free. Lowest prices in the city for Watches, Jewelry, Silver and Plated Ware.

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HOLIDAY GOODS

GRAND DISPLAY !

PARTIAL LIST OF ATTRACTIONS :

Diamonds,	French Clocks,	Card Receivers,
Watches,	Bronzes,	Goblets,
Chains,	American Clocks,	Baking Dishes,
Charms,	Card Cases,	Wine Sets,
Rings,	Canes and Umbrellas,	Pocket Flasks,
Thimbles,	Butter Knives,	Olive Dishes,
Spectacles,	Sugar Spoons,	Crumb Scrapers,
Eye Glasses,	Tea Strainers,	Crumb Brushes, Trays
Lorgnettes,	Match and Soap Boxes	Syrup Pichers,
Bracelets,	Child's Sets and Cups,	Call Bells,
Scarf Pins,	Cheese Scoops,	Nut Cracks and Picks,
Scarf Rings,	Ladles,	Fruit Knives,
Sleeve Buttons,	Carving Sets,	Ice Pails,
Lace Pins,	Salts and Peppers,	Cracker Jars
Ear Drops,	Tea Sets,	Vinegarettes,
Sleeve Links,	Butter Dishes,	Napkin Rings,
Brooches,	Casters,	Pearl Handle Knives,
Child's Button Sets,	Cake Basket,	Bon Bon Boxes,
Studs,	Fruit Dishes,	Coffee Spoons,
Collar Buttons,	Nut Bowls,	Fish Knives and Forks
Masonic Charms,	Salad Dishes,	Sugar Tongs,
Odd Fellows' "	Ice Pitchers,	Pie Knives,
K. of P. "	Waiters,	Berry Spoons,
Society Pins,	Water Sets,	Asparagus, Cold Meat and Vegetable Forks
Opera Glasses,	Soup Tureens,	Rogers Bros.' Knives, Forks and Spoons.
Silver Hair Pins,	Pickle Jars,	
Bangles,	Vases,	

Tooth Pick Holders.

The Prices are all marked with a special view of creating a lively demand and my customers may be sure of securing great bargains.

A. M. WENTWORTH,

Jeweler and Optician,

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Bargains in Seal Sacques!

Just received the second lot of Real Alaska Seal Sacques and will offer them at lower prices than ever. Every garment sold at my establishment I will warrant a perfect fit. OTTER SACQUES, extra lengths and good sizes. Call and get prices at the Reliable Fur Establishment of

C. A. PERRY, 245 MIDDLE STREET.

Furs Repaired in the Best Manner.

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WE OFFER A DISCOUNT OF 10 PER CENT FOR CASH ON

Black Satin Rhadames, Black Faile Francaise, Colored Rhadames, Colored Faile Francaise, Black Wool Dress Goods, Colored Wool Dress Goods, Beaver Shawls, Hymalayan Shawls, Long Wool Shawls, Shoulder Shawls and our entire stock of Ladies' and Gents' Winter Underwear.

Don't fail to take advantage of this opportunity. For Two Days Only, To-Day and To-Morrow.

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HASKELL & JONES,

THE

Clothing and Furnishing Goods

DEALERS,

are prepared to show an Elegant Line of Goods for the Holiday Trade. Our stock comprises

Breakfast Jackets, Dressing Robes,

SILK AND SATIN BRACES.

Silk Mufflers, Chinese and Pongree Silk Handkerchiefs, Driving and Walking Gloves, of Perrin's Dent's, and Fownes Bros.' Manufacture; Silk Mittens, Embroidered Night Robes, Novelties in Jewelry, Collar and Cuff Boxes, Gold and Silver-Headed Canes, Dressing Cases, Elegant Styles in Gold and Silver-Headed Umbrellas.

An extensive line of Medium and finest Grades of Neckwear. Dent, Allcroft & Co.'s Gant de Luxe, a Ventilated Glove for evening wear.

HASKELL & JONES,

LANCASTER BUILDING, 470 CONGRESS ST., PORTLAND ME.

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MISCELLANEOUS.

LADIES' FURS !

Silk Umbrellas !

GENTS' KID GLOVES !

In making your purchases for the Holidays buy that which will be of value and service to the one who is the subject of your affection. Now there is nothing so serviceable to a lady as a set of Furs or a nice Silk Umbrella, and a warm pair of Kid Gloves would be valueable to a gentleman.

We have an elegant assortment of these articles which we are selling at reduced prices during the Holidays.

SOMERS BROS.,

No. 459 Congress Street,

CLAPP'S BLOCK.

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SPECIAL PRICES

—ON—

Rose Jars,
Japanese Screens,
Plush Work Boxes,
Jewel Cases,
Trimmed Baskets,
Shopping Bags,
Tree Decorations.

STORE WILL BE OPEN THURSDAY, FRIDAY and SATURDAY EVENINGS.

Owen Moore & Co.

PORTLAND

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FOR THE HOLIDAYS

JEWELRY

LAMSON'S,

177 Middle St.

I am going West after Christmas, and previously am going to give you bargains.

COME AND MAKE YOUR SELECTIONS EARLY

I have an elegant line of all classes of

Watches and Jewelr

from which you can choose

My stock of LADIES' GOLD WATCHES is unusually fine. They are fully warranted by the manufacturers and my successor will see that the warrant is made good. The beauty of the engraving and the time-keeping qualities of the Watches cannot be surpassed.

Ladies' and Gents' Rings

One of the best assortments of Finger Rings to be seen anywhere, including all the latest styles of Diamonds and Precious Stones, also Plain, Oval, Flat, and Engraved Bands, and Gents' Seal Rings, all at prices to defy competition.

Ladies' and Gentlemen's Gold, Queen, Vest and Extension Chains, neat pattern, fine quality and low prices.

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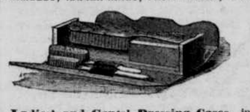
French and American Clocks.

OPERA GLASSES.

A fine line of the best Imported makes in fancy, black and pearl mountings, with gold finished trimmings. We are making a specialty of these goods, and selling them at prices lower then ever known before. Now is your time to get a pair for a lifetime.

SOLID SILVER and SILVER PLATED WARE, SILVER THIMBLES, NAPKIN RINGS, FRUIT KNIVES, ETC.



Ladies' and Gents' Dressing Cases, in Plush and Leather, useful and beautiful presents at any time. It will pay you to come down on Middle street to buy. Inquire for 177 Middle Street.

LAMSON'S Jewelry Store.

It is next to the corner of Exchange street, near the Post Office. Out of town customers can take the cars at the depot and be landed at my door. Open every evening until Christmas. dec1d4w

HOLIDAY GOODS at Popular Prices.

We have the largest stock of Baskets and Work Stands to be found in the city. Mantel and Hearth Brushes, Plain and Fancy Whisk Brooms. Frame and Clipper Sleds, Children's Sleighs, Snow Shovels, Bird Cages, Wood and Wire Plant Stands, Lap Boards, Folding Tables, and Choice Popping Corn for the Christmas Trees.

KENDALL & WHITNEY

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WINTER IS HERE AND

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Is selling a Good Fur Cap for $1.00. Scotch Cap, 50 cents.

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is selling all kinds of Ladies' Furs, very low, and guarantees to show as large variety as any dealer.

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will see a good Fur Coat for $14.00.

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will sell a Good Fur Robe for $3.50.

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will sell Boys' Winter Caps for 25 Cts. Men's Winter Caps, same.

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is selling Genuine Plymouth Buck Gloves for 75 cents.

COE

will sell a Horse Blanket for 70 cents.

COE

sells Trunks, Bags, Shawl Straps, Silk Umbrellas, Soft and Stiff Hats very low.

COE,

The Hatter,

197 MIDDLE ST.

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and examine those on exhibition.

Opp. the Falmouth Hotel.

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FURNITURE.

THREE DAYS' SPECIAL Attractions!

Saturday Bulletin.

We are drove to death with business, and yet we are all happy. We have broken our previous records on Christmas sales because we have kept this year more styles and made greater display.

To-day our special will be

Easy Chairs, Patent Rockers, Rattan Rockers,

LADIES' PLUSH ROCKERS,

TURKISH ROCKERS,

all prices, from $1.25 to $75.

Probably the nicest present you could make your Father or Mother or Husband or Wife would be one of our Large High Back Platform ROCKERS, upholstered in LEATHER and all COLORINGS of SILK Plush, and the prices are $13, $16, $18, $20 and $25. These are beautiful goods, made by one of the largest and best manufacturers in New York City. Don't fail to see them.

A Handsome Present for a lady is one of our Handsome

DESKS,

made in WALNUT, OAK, CHERRY and MAHOGONY.

OUR WINDOW DISPLAY

Is worth coming to see, and while here look at our

WORK BASKETS.

Their peculiar Shapes and Satin linings, prettily trimmed with Colored Ribbons, make the most tasty and beautiful Work Baskets ever shown in this city.

SEWING CHAIRS

In very fancy styles, Plush, Upholstered Rockers for $5.00, $6.00 and $8.00.

MUSIC STANDS

Very handsome and convenient for $2.25, $4.00, $5.00 and $6.00.

UPHOLSTERED FOOT RESTS

For $1.25, $1.50, $2.00 and $3.00.

BOOK SHELVES

For corner or side of rooms for $1.75, $2.00, $3.50, $4.00 and $5.00.

Look for our advertisements, as we shall continue to mention other articles, but if time is object to you, come to our store and see a thousand things that we cannot mention and you are sure to want. This is the best place in this city to "make up your mind."

THE

ATKINSON

House Furnishing

COMPANY,

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ALL READY

— AT THE —

TOBOGGAN SLIDE !

— ON AND AFTER —

Saturday, Dec. 24th.

AFTERNOON and EVENING.

New Arrangement of Prices. Slide as Long as You Like.

Adults 25c; Children, under 12, 15c, including use of Toboggan.

Admission to field, either on foot or in teams, free. Electric Lights and a hundred Torches.

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ONE ENTIRE WEEK—10, 20, 30 and 50c.

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Over half the entire house—30c. best reserved seats in Parquet and Balcony. On the same general plan as the Bennett & Moulton Opera Companies prices.

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Monday Matinee—Byron's Romantic Play, "The Lancashire Lass.

MONDAY NIGHT—The Great Union Square Theatre Success, "A Celebrated Case."

TUESDAY—Tom Taylor's Great Drama, The Ticket-of-Leave-Man.

WEDNESDAY—The Thrilling Emotional Drama adapted from Mrs. M. E. Braddon's great story, Aurora Floyd, entitled Twice Married, or the Dark Deed in the Wood.

THURSDAY—Great Romantic Play, The Duke's Daughter, or The Hunchback of Notre Dame. Another version being The Duke's Motto, and running at Niblo's Garden, N. Y., the past two months under the title of "Lagardere."

FRIDAY—Watt Phillips' Famous English Melodrama, Love in Exile.

SATURDAY EVENING—Dickens' Masterwork Drama, Oliver Twist, or London by Night.

SATURDAY MATINEE—Play to be announced.

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— AT —

City Hall, Wednesday Evening, Dec. 28.

The Famous Writer,

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Humorous Lecture !

Evening Tickets 50 cents; now on sale at Stockbridge's Music Store. dec22d1w

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— BY THE —

Cumberland Rowing Association,

— AT —

MECHANICS' HALL,

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Tickets admitting Gent and Lady, 50 cents. Music by Chandler. dec22d1w

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AT GILBERT'S.

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Portland Water Co. Sinking Fund Gold 4s, due 1927. We will receive Portland Water Co. 6s, due April 1, 1888, in exchange for the 4s, on favorable terms. We also offer carefully selected Municipal, Water Works Company and Railroad Bonds.

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5 PER CENT DEBENTURE BONDS

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Paid up capital $250,000; 6 per cent debenture bonds; principal and interest payable in Boston; 7 per cent

THE PRESS.

SATURDAY MORNING, DEC. 24.

WIT AND WISDOM.

Young Student Physician (to charity patient)—I think you have a—a—some kind of a—a fever; but—our class has only gone as far as convulsions. I'll come in again in a week."

AMERICA again takes the lead. "We could hardly believe our good luck when we ventured to ask for Burnett's Extract of Vanilla in Paris, to have it handed us; it was like meeting an old friend."

A paper was sent through the Charlottetown, P. E. I., post office recently which bore the following unique postscript:

"Deliver it to no one els Ask the Partie calling to litt his hat you will See a large Bald Spot on the side of his head."

Many go out for Wool and Get Shorn, But they who go out for Hop Ointment to cure their chapped hands or lips are never disappointed. It gets there every time. All druggists sell it, 25 cents, or mail stamps to Hop Co., New London, Conn.

It was an old Scotch woman, according to Punch, who, when she saw her pastor coming along the road on a bicycle said:

"I dinna like to see the meenester goin' about the country on a cyclophedia."

Must not be confounded with common cathartic or purgative pills. Carter's Little Liver Pills are entirely unlike them in every respect. One trial will prove their superiority.

"What will we have for dinner on Christmas, dear?" said Jem Pinchem's wife.

"A pair of chickens if I have luck and old Hen man don't lock his coop to-night."

The well known strengthening properties of IRON, combined with other tonics and a most perfect nervine, are found in Carter's Iron Pills, which strengthen the nerves and body, and improve the blood and complexion.

I ain't got much respec' fur er wumen whut is alwas goin' tu sowin' sereleties an' makin' cloze fur de heathen, while her husban' fastens his gal husses wid er pin.—Jonas Jutton's wisdom.

A Baltimore negro who emigrated to Liberia years ago ordered a quantity of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup stating that he didn't like to be without it.

J. E. Meeds, U. S. L. H. Keeper, Fort Carroll, Md., says:—"Salvation Oil cured me of rheumatism."

He (at a very late hour, with deep tenderness)—How can I leave thee?

She—Really, Mr. Stayer, I can't tell you. I wish to heaven I could.

A Valuable Medical Treatise.

The edition for 1888 of the sterling Medical Annual, known as Hostetter's Almanac, is now ready, and may be obtained, free of cost, of druggists and general country dealers in all parts of the United States, Mexico, and indeed in every civilized portion of the Western Hemisphere. This Almanac has been issued regularly at the commencement of every year for over one fourth of a century. It combines, with the soundest practical advice for the preservation and restoration of health, a large amount of interesting and amusing light reading, and the calendar, astronomical calculations, chronological items, etc., are prepared with great care, and will be found entirely accurate. The issue of Hostetter's Almanac for 1888 will probably be the largest edition of a medical work ever published in any country. The proprietors, Messrs. Hostetter & Co., Pittsburgh, Pa., on receipt of a two cent stamp, will forward a copy by mail to any person who cannot procure one in his neighborhood.

"Oh!" exclaimed a young lady, ecstatically, "wouldn't it be lovely to paint those flowers?"

"No, dear," responded another, "they look nice enough without being painted."

For three weeks I was suffering from a severe cold in my head, accompanied by a pain in the temples. I tried some of the many catarrh remedies without any relief. Ely's Cream Balm was recommended to me. After only six applications of the Balm every trace of my cold was removed.—Henry C. Clark, 1st Division New York Appraisers' Office.

Ely Bros., I have been afflicted with catarrh. I purchased a bottle of your Cream Balm. It has effected a comdlete cure.—H. C. Abbo.t, 97 Grant Ave., Allegheny City, Pa.

Young Mr. Sissy (on board yacht)—Yes, Miss Maude, this is a (hic) centerboard yacht. Didn't you (hic) know that?

Miss Maude—No, I was under the impression that it is a sideboard yacht.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria,
When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria,
When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria,
When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

A little four-year-old girl was speaking of going to the skating rink, when a minister said: "Why I thought you were a little Christian. You have not backslid, have you?"

"Oh, no," she replied, "I've been vaccinated!"

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FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

PORTLAND WHOLESALE MARKET.

PORTLAND, Dec. 22, 1887.

The following are to-day's closing quotations of Grain, Provisions, &c.:

Flour.	**Grain.**
Superfine and low grades	2 75@3 75
X Spring	and
XX Spring	4 15@4 35
Patent Spring Wheats	4 50@5 00
Mich. straight roller	4 50@4 75
clear do	4 25@4 50
stone ground	4 25@4 35
Ill Louis st'gt roller	4 75@5 00
clear do	4 75@4 87½
Winter Wheat Patents	5 00@5 25
Fish.	
Cod, ⅌ qtl— Large Shore	4½@4 25
Large Bank	3 75@4 00
Small	3 00@3 50
Pollock	2 25@3 25
Haddock	1 50@2 00
Hake	1 75@2 00
Herring Scaled ⅌ bx	15@18c
No 1	@14
Mackerel ⅌ bbl— Shore 1s	16 00@18 00
Shore 2s	14 00@16 00
Med. 3s	11 00@13 00
Large 3s	12 00@14 00
Produce.	
Cranberries— Maine	7 00@ 8 00
Cape Cod	9 00@10 00
Pea Beans	2 65@2 75
Medium	2 45@2 60
German Red	2 50@2 40
Yellow Eyes	2 00@2 15
Potatoes bush	75@80c
St Potatoes	4 00@5 00
Onions ⅌ bbl	3 75@4 00
Turkeys	14@17
Chickens	10@13
Fowls	9@12
Geese	13@14
Ducks	15@16
Apples.	
Choice eating	3 00@3 50
Common	1 75@2 00
Fancy Baldwin	2 50@2 75
Evaporated ⅌ lb	12@13c
Lemons.	
Palermo	4 00@4 50
Messina	4 00@4 50
Malagas	—
Oranges.	
Florida	3 50@4 25
Valencia	5 00@5 50
Messina and Palermo ⅌ bx	3 00@3 50
Grain.	
H'Mxd Corn	68@69
Corn, bag lots	70@71
Meal, bag lots	67@68
Oats, car lots	42@43
Oats, bag lots	44@45
Cotton Seed, car lots	24 50@25 00
do bag	25 50@26 00
Sack'd Brn	23 00@24 00
do bag	24 00@25 00
Middings	24 00@25 50
do bag lots	25 00@27 00
Provisions.	
Pork— Backs	18 50@19 00
Clear	18 00@18 25
Mess	16 00@16 50
Beef— Ex Mess	8 00@ 8 50
Plate	9 00@9 25
Ex Plate	9 50@10 00
Lard— Tubs ⅌ p	8 @8¼c
Tierces	8 @8¼c
Pails	8 @9 c
Hams ⅌ lb	10¾@11¼
do covered	11¼@11¾
Oil.	
Kerosene— Pro Kel. Pet	7
Pratt's Ast'l Bbbl	10½
Devoe's Brilliant	10¼
Elgonia	8½
Centennial	8¼
Raisins.	
Muscatel	2 25@2 35
London Lay'r	2 50@3 00
Ondura Lay	9@9½c
Valencia	7½@8
Sugar.	
Granulated ⅌ lb	7¼
Extra C	6¾
Seeds.	
Red Top	$2 @$2½
Timothy Seed	2 75@2 [illegible]
Clover	8½@12½c
Cheese.	
Vermont	10 @13½
N.Y. factory	10 @13½
Butter.	
Creamery ⅌ lb	24@26
Gilt Edge Ver	23@25
Choice	19@20
Good	17@18
Store	15@16
Eggs.	
Eastern extras	25@26
Can & Western	24@25
Limed	20@21

Grain Quotations.

Received daily, by private wire, by H. N Pink Fmn, broker, 9 Exchange street, Portland, Me:

CHICAGO BOARD OF TRADE.

Thursday's quotations.

WHEAT.

	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	May
Opening		76¾	77⅝	84⅛
Highest		77⅝	78½	84⅞
Lowest		76¾	77⅝	84⅛
Closing		77⅝	78½	84⅝

CORN.

	Jan.	Feb.	May.
Opening	48½	49	54¼
Highest	48¾	49¼	54¼
Lowest	48	48¾	53¾
Closing	48¾	49¼	54¼

OATS.

	Jan.	Feb.	May.
Opening			33¾
Highest			33⅞
Lowest			33¾
Closing			33¾

Friday's quotations.

WHEAT.

	Dec	Jan.	Feb.	May
Opening	77⅝	77⅞	78⅝	85
Highest	77⅝	77⅞	78⅝	85
Lowest	77⅝	77⅞	78¼	84⅝
Closing	77⅝	77½	78¼	84⅝

CORN.

	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	May.
Opening	48½	48¾	49⅝	54¼
Highest	48¾	48¾	49⅝	54¼
Lowest	48¾	48⅝	48⅞	53⅞
Closing	48⅝	48⅝	48⅞	54

OATS.

	Jan.	Feb.	May.
Opening			34
Highest			34
Lowest			33¾
Closing			33⅞

Foreign Exports.

FORT-de-FRANCE, Mark Gem—75,143 ft lumber 6767 shooks and heads.

Railroad Receipts.

PORTLAND, Dec. 22, 1887.

Received by Maine Central Railroad—For Port and 30 cars miscellaneous merchandise; for connecting roads 90 cars miscellaneous merchandise.

Portland Daily Press Stock List.

Corrected by SWAN & BARRETT, Bankers and Brokers, 186 Middle street.

STOCKS.

Descriptions.	Par Value.	Bid.	Asked
Canal National Bank	100	162	163
Casco Nat. Bank	100	150	152
First National Bank	100	120	122
Cumberland National Bank	40	51	52
Merchants' National Bank	75	124	126
National Traders' Bank	100	140	142
Ocean Insurance Co	100	75	80
Portland Company		95	100
Portland Gas Company	50	65	70

BONDS.

State of Maine 6s, due 1889	103	104
Portland City 6s, Municip'l various	100	115
Portland City 6s, R. R. aid 1907	123	125
Bath City 6s, Mun. various	102	105
Bath City 6s R. R. aid various	101	103
Bangor City 6s, long R. R. aid	115	117
Bangor City 6s, ong Mun	123	125
Belfast City 6s, R. R. aid	104	106
And. & Ken. R. R. 6s, various	104	105
Portland & Ken. R. R. 6s, 1895	110	112
Leeds & Farming'n R. R. 6s	110	112
Maine Central R. R. 1st mtg 7s	121	123
Maine Central R. R. Consol 7s	133	135
Maine Central R. R. Skg Fund 6s	106	108
Portland Water Co. 1st mtg 6s	100	101
" " 2d mtg 6s	106	107
" " 3d mtg 6s	111	112

Boston Stock Market.

[By Telegraph.]

The following quotations of stocks are received daily:

U. S. 4s	129
Atch., Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad	93⅝
Boston & Maine R	209
Wisconsin Central 2d series	46
Eastern Railroad 6s	121

New York Stock and Money Market.

[By Telegraph.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 23 1887.—Money on call has been easy, ranging from 4½ to 5 per cent; last loan 4½, closing at 2. Prime paper 6@7½. Sterling Exchange dull and steady. Government bonds are dull and firm. Railroad bonds very dull and rather heavy. The stock market closed quiet at about best prices.

Our transcript at the Stock Exchange aggregated 170,511 shares.

The following are to-day's quotations of Government securities:

United States bonds, 3s	
New 4s, reg	125½
New 4s, coup	126½
New 4½s, reg	108¾
New 4½s, coup	108¾
Central Pacific 1st	116½
Denver & R. Gr. 1st	118½
Erie 2ds	90¾
Kansas Pacific Consols	101
Oregon Nav. 1sts	110¾
Union Pacific 1st	115
do Land Grants	
do Sinking Funds	

The following quotations of stocks are received daily by H. N. Pinkham, No. 9 Exchange street, Portland, Me:

	Dec. 23. Opening	Dec. 23. Closing bid.	Dec. 22 Opening	Dec. 22 Closing bid.
New York Central	108½	108⅝	108½	108½
Lake Shore	94⅞	95¼	95	94⅞
Erie common	28⅝	28¼	28⅝	28¼
Lanawa southern	55½	58⅝	55⅞	55½
Northwestern	106½	107	106½	106½
St. Paul	74⅝	75¼	74¼	74⅝
Omaha common	39	39¼	39	39⅛
Union Pacific	56	57⅝	55¾	55⅝
Western Union	77¼	77⅞	76⅞	77
Oregon Transcon	20⅝	21¼	21	20⅝
Delaware, L. & W.	126⅝	128	126¾	126⅝
Delaware & H.	102⅞	103	102⅝	102⅞
Jersey Central	74⅝	75	74½	74
Phila & Reading	65	65¾	65⅝	64⅞
Rocking Valley	26½	26½	24¾	25⅞
Northern Pacific	22½	22½		
North. Pacific. pref	46¼	46⅝	46¼	46⅝
Pacific Mail	35½	35½	35⅛	35½
Mount Pacific	87⅝	87⅞	87⅝	87¾
Kansas Texas	17⅞	18½	18	17⅞
Louisville & Nash	60¾	61⅛	60⅝	60½
N. Y. & N. E.	36⅝	37¼	36¾	36⅝
Richmond Terminal	22	22⅝	22	22
Oil	81¼	82½		

Stocks by Associated Press:

E. Tenn, new	10
East Tenn, 1st pref	59
Canton	—
Wells, Fargo Express	130
Lake Erie & West	14½
Oregon Nav	89½
Northwestern preferred	139¾
Louisville & Nash	61
Denver & Rio Grande, new	21½
Wabash, St. Louis & Pacific	15¼
do pref	28½
Houston & Texas	21
Mobile & Ohio	9
Chicago & Alton	130
Alton & Terre Haute	37⅝
do pref	75
Chicago, Burlington & Quincy	139
Illinois Centrals	118

New York Mining Stocks.

[By Telegraph.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 23 1887. The following are closing quotations for mining stocks to-day:

Colorado Coal	35 00
Hocking Coal	27 50
Homestake	11 50
Ontario	26 00
Quicksilver	9 75
do preferred	33 00
Brunswick	1 60
El Cristo	2 50
Gould & Curry	4 75
Amador	1 65
Standard	2 20
Hale & Norcross	8 75

Gloucester Fish Market.

FOR THE WEEK ENDING, Dec. 23.

Mackerel in light stock. We quote bloaters at $27@$28, 1s, at $18, 2s at $15½, and 3s $13¼@$13½.

Last sales of Halibut 10 and 5c ⅌ lb for white and gray, cargo lots.

Fresh Codfish 1 80 ⅌ cwt.

Prime Georges Codfish selling at $5 ⅌ qtl for large and $3⅝ for small; trawl Bank $4 for large and $3⅝ for small; hand line Western Bank at $4⅝ and $3¾; Shores $4½; large Dry Bank at $4½@$4¾; medium $3¾.

Cusk quoted at 3 ⅌ qtl; pollock $2; slack salted do $3; haddock $2½, and hake $2¼.

Boneless and prepared fish at 3½@4c ⅌ lb for hake, haddock and cusk, and 5@5¼c ⅌ lb for codfish, as to style and quality. Smoked halibut 6@9c ⅌ lb; smoked salmon 15c; do haddock 6c. Medium herring, at 14c ⅌ box; kacks 11c; lengthwise 12c; No 1s at 12c; Bloaters at 65c; smoked mackerel 11c ⅌ lb. Canned do fresh at $1½ ⅌ doz; canned trout $1½; fresh halibut $1¼, fresh salmon at 1 75; clams 1 75; lobsters 1 75.

Labrador Herring $5@$5¼ ⅌ bbl; medium split $3½@$3¾; medium gibbed at $3¾@$3¾; Shore $3½@$3¾; Eastport $4¾; pickled codfish $5; haddock $4; halibut heads 3¼; tongues $6; sounds $11½; tongues and sounds 8 00; alewives 3 25; trout $14 ⅌ bbl; California salmon $16; Halifax do $17. Clam bait $7 to $7½; silvers $7.

Refined medicine oil at 60c ⅌ gal; crude do at 40c; blackfish oil 55c; cod do 37c; porgie at 20c. Livers at 25c ⅌ bucket.

Fish scrap $6 ⅌ ton; liver do $4.

Fish skins $25; fish waste $5; halibut guano at $6.

Boston Produce Market.

BOSTON, Dec. 23, 1887.—The following are today's quotations of Provisions, &c.:

Pork—Long cut 17 50@18 00; short cuts 17 75@18 25; backs 18 25@18 50; light backs 17 25; pork tongues 16 00.

Lard—Choice at 8¼c ⅌ lb in tcs; 8¾@9c in 10-lb pails; 9@9¼c in 5-lb pails.

Hams at 10@11c, according to size and cure; pressed hams 11@11½c.

Hogs—Choice city dressed hogs 7¾c ⅌ lb; country do at 7c.

Butter—Western extra fresh made creamery at 29@30c; do extra firsts at 26@28c; do firsts 23@25c; New York, fall made creamery, extra at 2 @28c; Vermont extra choiy 28@29c; do firsts 25@27c. The above quotations are receivers' prices for strictly wholesale lots. Jobbing prices 1@2c higher.

Cheese—Northern choice at 12@12½c; Ohio choice 11½@12c; Northern sage at 13@14c. Jobbing prices ½c higher.

Eggs—Eastern fresh 26@28; some fancy higher; do firsts 24@25c; extra Vt and N H 27@28c; choice Canada 21@22c; good to fresh Western 23@24c; Michigan fresh 24@25c; Nova Scotia 24c; Jobbing price ½@1c higher.

Beans—Choice small N E hand picked peas at 2 55@2 60 ⅌ bush; choice New York large hand ed do 2 40@2 50; small Vermont hand picked do at 2 75@2 85.

Hay—Choice prime hay at 17 00@18 00; fair to good at $15 00@$16 00; Eastern fine $12@$15; coarse do ordinary $10@$14; East swale 10@$11. Rye straw, choice, 17 50@18 50, some fancy old higher; oat straw $8@8 50.

Potatoes—Houlton Rose 83@85c ⅌ bush; do Hebrons 88@90c; Aroostook Rose at 83c; do hebrons at 85@88c.

Poultry—Northern young fresh killed turdeys, choice 13@14c; do fair to good 12@13c; Western young fresh killed turkeys, choice, at 0@12c; Northern fresh killed chickens, choice 14@16c; fair to good 12@13c.

Chicago Cattle Market

[By Telegraph.]

CHICAGO, Dec. 23, 1887.—Cattle market—receipts 9,000; shipments 4000; strong for good; shipping steers 3 00@5 50; stockers and feeders —; cows, bulls and mixed at 1 45@3 00; Texans 1 65@3 10.

Hogs, receipts 22,000; shipments 6000; slow and lower; heavy mixed at 5 00@5 50; heavy at 5 25@5 75; light at 4 55@5 30; skips 3 25@4 75.

Sheep—receipts 4000; shipments 1000; strong; natives at 3 00@5 00; Western 2 55@4 00; Texans at 2 25@3 60. Lambs at 4 00@5 50.

Domestic Markets.

[By Telegraph.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 23, 1887.—Flour market—receipts 9,017 packages; exports 3860 bbls and 28,234 sacks; firm and without quotable change with light business; sales 15,000 bbls.

Flour quotations—Fine at 2 10@2 65; supernine Western and State 2 50@3 05; common to good extra Western and State at 3 10@3 60; good to choice do at@ 65@5 20; common to choice White wheat Western extra at 4 40@4 60; fancy do at 4 65@5 20; common to good extra Ohio at 3 10@5 20; common to choice extra St Louis at 3 10@5 20; patent Minnesota extra good to prime at 4 60@4 90; choice to fancy do at 4 65@5 20, including 1700 bbls city mill extra at 4 00@4 77½; 1000 bbls fine do at 2 10@2 65; 800 bbls superfine 2 50@3 05; 800 bbls extra No 2 at 3 10@3 60; 5100 bbls winter wheat extra at 3 10@5 20; 6300 bbls Minnesota extra at 3 10@5 20. Southern flour quiet; common to fair extra 3 30@3 90; good to choice 4 00@5 10. **Wheat**—receipts 47,460 bush; exports 40 bush; sales 184,000 bush, spot barely steady with more doing; No 2 Chicago 91½@92c; No 2 Red at 92¼@92⅝c delivered; No 1 Red nominal at 95c; No 1 White nominal at 95. Barley dull. **Corn**—receipts 24,200 bush; exports 283 bush; sales 40,000 bush spot; market dull; No 3 at 59½c; steamer 60@60¼c; No 2 at 61½c elev, 62¾c delivered. **Oats**—receipts 77,000 bush, exports 109 bush; sales 136,000 bush spot; steady and moderately active; No 3 at 37½; do White 38@38½; No 2 at 37⅝@38c; White do at 39¾@41c; No 1 nominal; White do at 41½c; Mixed Western at 36@39c; White do 39@44c. **Coffee**—fair Rio steady 18¾@19c. **Sugar** firm and quiet; refined firm; C 5⅛@5¼; Extra C at 5¾@5⅞c; White Extra C 5⅝@5¾c; Yellow 5¼c; off A 6@6⅛c; standard A 6⅛@6 56-100c; Mould A 7⅛; Confectioners A 6⅞; cut loaf and crushed at 7¾c; powdered at 7⅛@7¼c; granulated 6⅝; Cubes 7⅛@7 3-16c. **Petroleum**—united —. Pork steady; mess quoted at 15 50@16 00 for one year old. Beef dull. **Lard** is lower and dull; Western steam —; city steam 7 75; refined quoted 8 00 for Continent; A at 8 25. **Butter** steady; State 17@26c. **Cheese** quiet and firm. Sales 10¼@12.

Freights to Liverpool dull.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22, 1887.—The Flour market is unchanged; choice fancy winter patents at 4 00@4 25 ⅌ bbl; Southern winter 3 60@3 85; Michigan and Wisconsin winters 3 60@4 05. Wheat—fair trading; No 2 Spring 77¼c; No 2 Red 79c. Corn—No 2 at 48½c. Oats—No 2 at 31c. No 2 Rye at 62c. Barley—No 2 at 70c. Provisions dull—Mess Pork at 14 75. Lard at 7 75. Dry salted shoulders 5 90; short clear at 8 10. Whiskey at 1 10.

Receipts—Flour, 28,000 bbls; wheat, 54,000 bush; corn 115,000 bush; oats 78,000 bush; rye 5000 bush; barley, 41,000 bush.

Shipments—Flour, 28,000 bbls; wheat, 31,000 bush; corn, 83,000 bush; oats, 95,000 bush; rye 2,000 bush, barley 45,000 bush.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 23, 1887.—The Flour market is steady. Wheat higher—No 2 Red at 80½@81c. Corn is firm at 4[illegible]@47c. Oats steady at 31@31½c. Rye strong at 65c bid. Barley firm at 70@71½c. Whiskey steady at 1 05. Provisions dull. Pork—new at 14 75. Lard 7 40. Dry salted meats —Shoulders at 5 75@6 00; long clear 7 50@7 75; clear ribs 7 75@7 87½; short clear at 7 87½@8 00. Bacon—shoulders 6 50; long clear 8 37½@8 50; clear ribs 8 75; short clear at 9 00. Hams 10 25@12 00.

Receipts—Flour, 4,000 bbls, wheat 3,000 bush, corn 46,000 bush, oats 10,000 bush, barley 12,000 bush, rye 0000 bush.

Shipments—Flour 7,000 bbls, wheat 0,000 bush, corn $2,000 bush, oats 15,000 bush, barley 0,000 bush, rye 0,000 bush.

DETROIT, Dec. 23, 1887.—Wheat—No 1 White at 86½c; No 2 Red 86½c. Corn—No 2 at 56. Oats —No 2 at 34c.

Receipts—Wheat 15,000 bush.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 23, 1887.—Cotton is steady; middling 9⅞c.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 23, 1887.—Cotton is quiet; middling 9⅝c.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 23, 1887.—Cotton—nothing doing; middling 10c.

MEMPHIS, Dec. 23, 1887.—Cotton is quiet; middling at 9¾c.

MOBILE, Dec. 23, 1887.—Cotton is firm; middling 9¾c.

European Markets.

[By Telegraph.]

LONDON, Dec. 23, 1887.—U. S. 4s, 128⅝.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 23, 1887.—Cotton market—steady; fair demand; uplands 5 11-16d; Orleans 5¾d; sales 10,000 bales; speculation and export 1000 bales.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 23, 1887—Quotations—Winter Wheat 6s 7d@6s 11d; Spring wheat at 6s 7d@6s 11d; Club wheat ⅌s 10d@6s 11d. Corn—mixed Western 4s 11½d; peas at[illegible]s 7d. Provisions, &c. —Pork 66s 6d; bacon at 40s 0d for short clear and 39s for long clear. Cheese 58s. Tallow 26s 9d. Lard at 40s 0d.

SAILING DAYS OF STEAMSHIPS.

FROM	TO	
Pavonia	Boston	Liverpool...Dec 22
Ailsa	New York	Hayti...Dec 22
Rugia	New York	Hamburg...Dec 22
Cienfuegos	New York	Havana...Dec 22
Athos	New York	Kingston...Dec 22
City Washington	New York	Havana...Dec 22
Oregon	Portland	Liverpool...Dec 24
Niagara	New York	Havana...Dec 24
Atlas	New York	Hayti...Dec 24
Umbria	New York	Liverpool...Dec 24
Furnessia	New York	Glasgow...Dec 24
La Bourbogne	New York	Havre...Dec 26
Wisconsin	New York	Liverpool...Dec 27
Rhaetea	New York	Hamburg...Dec 27
Aller	New York	Bremen...Dec 28
Finance	New York	Rio Janeiro Dec 28
Samaria	Boston	Liverpool...Dec 29
Manhattan	New York	Havana...Dec 29
Saratoga	New York	Havana...Dec 31

MINIATURE ALMANAC, DECEMBER 24.

Sun rises	7 15	High water	6 37
Sun sets	4 06		7 01
Length of day	8 51	Height	7 ft 9 in
Moon sets	1 24		7 ft 5 in

MARINE NEWS.

PORT OF PORTLAND

FRIDAY, Dec. 23.

Arrived.

Steamship Winthrop, Bragg, New York—passengers and mdse to J B Coyle.

Sch A R Weeks, Henley, Baltimore, with loss of foretopmast. Coal to Sargent, Dennison & Co.

Sch Emma, Littlejohn, Amboy—coal to Sargent, Dennison & Co.

Sch Anna L McLeen, Mahoney, Amboy—coal to Sargent, Dennison & Co.

Sch Georgietta, Alley, Rondout—cement to C S Chase.

Sch Cora C Meader, Meader, —.

Cleared.

Barque Gem, Wallace, Fort de France, Mart—J H Hamlen & Son.

Sch Willie Seavey, Simmons, Friendship—N Blake.

Sch Davida, (Br) Newcomb, Parrsboro—W S Jordan & Co.

Sch Silas McLoon, Morrill, Rockland—N Blake.

Sch Victor, Bunker, East Bluehill—N Blake.

Sch J W Drury, Baker, New York—E S Hamlen & Co.

SAILED—Barques T L Sweat, Sherwood; sch Davida, and others.

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

WISCASSET, Dec 22—Ar, sch Cock of the Walk, Lewis, Portland.

Dec 23—Sld, sch Ira D Sturgis, Blaisdell, for Bridgeport.

FROM MERCHANTS' EXCHANGE.

Sld fm Londonderry 21st, steamer Vancouver, (from Liverpool) for Halifax and Portland.

Sld fm Gonaives 7th inst, schs Dione, Raynes, and M C Moseley, Torrey, Boston.

Ar at Barbadoes 12th inst, brig Mary Bartlett, Thompson, Machias; sch Henry Crosby, Stubbs, Norfolk.

Ar at St Thomas 10th, brig Mary T Kimball, Gilley, Newport News.

Sld Dec 1, barque Am Lloyds, Whitmore, New York.

Ar at Turks Island 8th inst, sch Wm Beazley, Kavanaugh, New York for Port au Prince, (and proceeded.)

Notice to Mariners.

OFFICE OF LIGHT HOUSE INSPECTOR, First District, Portland, Me. Dec. 23, 1887.

Notice is hereby given that the iron buoys in Portland harbor have been replaced by spar buoys for the winter season.

By order of the L. H. Board,
O. A. BATCHELLER,
Commander, U. S. N.,
Inspector 1st L. H. Dist.

Memoranda.

Sch A J Bentley, Hackett, from New York for Portland, with oil, put into Boothbay 23d and reports having been run into Thursday night by an unknown three master, off Seguin, and lost jib, spanker, and part of deckload. The stranger kept on, probably with loss of headgear.

Schs Edw C A True, and C J Willard, put into Vineyard Haven 22d, each with foresail and mainsail torn.

Vineyard-Haven, Dec 22—Sch C S Havlis, from Baltimore, arrived here to-day with loss of sails and leaking 800 strokes per hour, having experienced a heavy gale since of 10th. Was blown off to the Gulf Stream, and at one time had eight feet water in the hold. Will proceed in tow.

New York, Dec 22—Sch Lewis King, from New York for Boston, with clay, is ashore on Long Island, one mile west of Montauk Point. There is a possibility of the vessel going to pieces. The captain went to New London for assistance.

Salem, Dec 22—Sch Helen Thompson, Averill, at this port from Port Johnson, reports loss of anchor and fifteen fathoms of chain on Nantucket Shoals.

Boston, Dec 22—Sch Nellie V Rokes parted her hawser at East Boston 22d and carried away the jibboom of schr Lizzie Chadwick.

Bath, Dec 22—Sch S M Tyler, of Providence, now at this port, is to sold at auction 27th inst by order of the U S marshal.

Domestic Ports.

SAN FRANCISCO—Sld 22d, ships Frank Pendleton, Queenstown; St John, Liverpool; Josephus, for New York.

GALVESTON—Ar 21st, sch Mary A Trundy, Dodge, New York.

NEW ORLEANS—Cld 21st, barque Chestina Redman, Watts, Boston.

Sld fm Port Eads 22d inst, sch San Domingo fm Baltimore.

PENSACOLA—Ar 20th, barque S A Staples, Gay, Sagua.

Ar 21st, sch J D Robinson, Hogan, Havana.

Ar 22d, schs Joseph Souther, Belano, Curacoa; Anna W Barker, Sargent, Ponce.

FERNANDINA—Ar 20th, brig Mary E Dana, Burgess, St Thomas.

GEORGETOWN, SC—Ar 22d, sch Alfaretta S Snare, Snare, New York.

FORTRESS MONROE—Sld 21st, barque Au Sable, from Baltimore for Havana.

BALTIMORE—Ar 21st, sch Welaka, Cottrell, Charleston

Ar 22d, sch Walker Armington, Drinkwater, Providence.

Ar 22d, barque Alex Campbell, Bunker, Norfolk; sch Jas Boyce, Duncan, New York; Augustus Hunt, Hall, Boston.

Cld 22d, brig Harry Smith, Weeks, Havana; sch Walker Armington, Drinkwater, Providence.

PHILADELPHIA—Ar 22d, schs J C Smith, Foss, Charleston; Conecuh, Southard, fm Morgan river.

Ar 22d, sch Falmouth, Clark, from Demarara.

Below 23d, sch Thos R Pillsbury, Pitcher, from Pensacola.

Cld 22d, ship Hagarstown, Cobb, Boston; sch St Thomas, Kelley, Boston.

Passed down river 21st, brig Jennie Hulbert, for Boston.

PERTH AMBOY—Ar 21st, sch Lizzie B Willey, Willey, Fernandina.

Sld 21st, sch C W Locke, Willey, Fernandina.

Ar 23d, sch John K Souther, Balano, Savannah; Grace Bradley, McIntosh, Brunswick.

In the stream 22d, sch E D Spear, F rr, for Charleston.

NEW YORK—Ar 22d, sch Grace Bradley, McIntosh, Brunswick, Ga; C E Flint, Port de Paix; J D Ingraham, Bath; Annie T Bailey, Gardiner; City of Augusta, Boston.

Ar 23d, sch S P Hitchcock, Blair, Fernandina.

Cld 22d, ship Constance, Tingley, for Antwerp; barque Carrie Winslow, Loring, Valparaiso; sch Isaiah R Stetson, Trask, Pensacola.

PROVIDENCE—Ar 22d, sch E C Allen, Meady, Baltimore; John Somes, Babbidge, Hoboken, from Calais.

BRISTOL—Ar 21st, sch Geo Revenger, Jordan, Elizabethport.

NEW BEDFORD—Ar 22d, schs Wm Mason, Chase, Baltimore; Clara Leavitt, Lombord, Baltimore; Vandalia, Betts, New York.

Sld 22d, sch Addie E Snow, Hinckley, Wareham.

VINEYARD-HAVEN—Ar 21st, schs Co ma, from Baltimore for Boston; M J Lee, Hoboken for do; Wm Mason, Hamm, and Nellie Rowers, from Rockport for New York; Etna, Foss, Portland for do; Sarah Louise, Morrison, Calais for Derby.

Returned, sch Mattie B Russell.

Sld 22d, schs M B Russell, Wm Jones, Celina, Wm Flint, Wm Mason, and M J Lee.

HYANNIS—Ar 22d, sch J B Knowles, NYork for Portland.

PROVINCETOWN—Sld 22d, schs Speedwell, Weed, fm Rockland for Richmond; Woodbury M Snow, Maddocks, New York for Rockland; Billow Emery, do for Boston;

THE PRESS.

SATURDAY MORNING, DEC. 24.

PORTLAND AND VICINITY.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS TO-DAY

AMUSEMENTS.
Portland Theatre—Moulton's Dramatic Co.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.
For Sale—"Beal Hotel."
Cold Waves—Hood's Sarsaparilla.
The Rush—Brown, 461 Congress street.
Christmas Gifts—Somers, the Hatter.
Grand Mark Down Sale—Rines Bros.
Furs—Merry, the Hatter.
Removal—Shaw, Hammond & Carney.
In the Sunny South—E. H. Whitner.
For Sale—Stable.
Dissolution of Copartnership.
Furs at Cost—R. F. Somers.
The Musical 1888—O. Ditson & Co.
Wanted—Mill Hand.
For Sale—Air Tight Weather Strips.
Lost—A Scotch Terrier.
Found—A Dog.
Children's Christmas Club.

FINANCIAL.
Investment Bonds—Pearmain & Brooks.

A New Departure.

Boys' suits and overcoats made to order at the lowest cash prices, a good job warranted. A first-class bushman constantly on hand. Cleansing and pressing at short notice. M. H. REDDY, No. 231 Federal street.

Kissing Goes by Favor

But Hop Ointment goes for chapped hands, sore noses, cold cracks, etc., without fear or favor. *Never fails.* All druggists sell it at 25 cents a box. dec24eod1w

There is no one article in the line of medicines that gives so large a return for the money as a good porous strengthening plaster, such as Carter's Smart Weed and Belladonna Backache Plasters. dec20d&w1w

The Engadine

Bouquet, Atkinson's new perfume. This superb distillation sweetly recalls fragrant Swiss flowers. Bright jewels, in a setting of perpetual snow. nov30 W&S

At 10 o'clock P. O. Bailey & Co., will sell by order of the mortgagee, at store No. 227 Middle street, watches, jewelry, plated ware, albums, paper, etc. See auction column.

DON'T

let that cold of yours run on. You think it is a light thing. But it may run into catarrh. Or into pneumonia. Or consumption.

Catarrh is disgusting. Pneumonia is dangerous. Consumption is death itself.

The breathing apparatus must be be kept healthy and clear of all obstructions and offensive matter. Otherwise there is trouble ahead.

All the diseases of these parts, head, nose, throat, bronchial tubes and lungs, can be delightfully and entirely cured by the use of Boschee's German Syrup. If you don't know this already, thousands and thousands of people can tell you, They have been cured by it, and "know how it is themselves." Bottle only 75 cents. Ask any druggist.

1860---1864

The Republicans of this city who voted for Abraham Lincoln in 1860 or 1864, are requested to meet at the Ward Room of Ward No. 3 THURSDAY EVENING, Dec. 29, at 7.30 o'clock, to organize a Veteran Republican Club.

PER ORDER.

MUNICIPAL COURT.

BEFORE JUDGE GOULD.

FRIDAY.—William Downing. Intoxication Fined $3 and costs.

Frank Keating. Search and seizure. Fined $100 and costs. Appealed.

John T. O'Day. Obtaining money by false pretences. Sixty days in county jail.

Sunday Services.

The Sail Loft Meetings are held at No. 6 Central Wharf every Sunday morning, commencing at 10.30 a. m. Strangers and others are cordially invited to be present. All are welcome.

ABYSSINIAN CHURCH.—Sunday School at 2 o'clock. Preaching by pastor at 3 p. m. A Christmas Sunday school concert, at 7 o'clock.

CHESTNUT STREET M. E. CHURCH—Rev. N. T. Whitaker, D. D., pastor. Hon Neal Dow will deliver a temperance address at 10.30 a. m. Sabbath school at 1.30 p. m. Christmas sermon by the the pastor at 3 p. m. Evening services as usual.

CONGRESS SQUARE CHURCH.—(First Universalist)—Rev. Henry Blanchard, pastor. Christmas Sunday services 10.30 a.m. Sunday school 12.15.

CONGRESS ST. M. E. CHURCH—Revival meeting at 9.15 a. m. Preaching at 10.30 a. m. by pastor. Sunday school at 1.30 p. m. Christmas Sermon at 3 p. m. Christmas praise service at 7 p. m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST—Rooms 5 and 6 Brown's Block. Services 10.30 a. m. Lord's Supper, 3 p. m. Prayer meeting 7.30 p. m. Everybody welcome; seats free.

CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH—(Univeralist)—Rev. M. Crosley, pastor. Christmas services tomorrow at 10.30 a. m. Subject, "Christ drawing Men to Himself." Christmas concert by the Sunday school 7 p. m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Opp. Lincoln Park.—A Christmas sermon by the pastor, Rev. A. K. P. Small, D. D., at 10.30 a. m. Sunday School at 12 m. Sunday School concert at 7 p. m. Subject, "Glory to God in the highest."

FIRST FREE BAPTIST CHURCH—(Plymouth) Congress St., Rev. J. M. Lowden, pastor. Preaching service at 10.30 a. m. Sunday school at 12 m. Prayer and social meeting at 7 p. m.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Williams' Hall, Congress street. Sunday school at 2 p. m. Preaching by Rev. Joseph S. Cogswell at 3 and 7.30 p. m. Subject: "Christ's Incarnation at a most opportune time;" "Riches of blessing in Christ."

FREE CHURCH, Deering.—Sunday school at 2 p.m. Christmas sermon by Rev. E. M. Cousins, at 3 p. m. Sunday school concert at 7 p. m.

FREE STREET BAPTIST CHURCH.—Rev. A. T. Dunn, pastor Preaching at 10.30 a. m. Sunday school Christmas concert in the evening at which the Schubert Quartette will assist.

FRIENDS' MEETING.—Oak St. Services at 10.30 a. m. Prayer meeting 7.30 p. m. All are invited.

GOSPEL MISSION.—Rev. S. F. Pearson pastor Sunday school and Pastor's Bible Class at 1.30 p. m. Preaching by the pastor at 3 p. m. Service of song and testimony meeting 7 p. m. Preaching by the pastor at 8 p. m. Seats free. All are invited.

HIGH STREET CHURCH—Rev. Wm. H. Fenn, D.D., pastor. Preaching at 10.30 a. m. by Rev. W. H. Fenn, D. D. Sunday school at 12.00 m. In the evening there will be a Sunday School concert with an address upon "Some famous Christmas Days."

NEW JERUSALEM CHURCH, New High Street—Rev. Howard C. Dunham pastor. Christmas Services at 10.30 a. m. Preaching by Rev. Wm. B. Hayden. Sunday School at 12 M. Usual Vesper Service at 7 p. m.

PORTLAND LIBERAL FRATERNITY meets in Good Templars' Hall on Congress street, at 10.30 a.m. Subject for discussion: Resolved "That Jesus of Nazareth was the greatest of Moral Teachers."

PREBLE CHAPEL.—Sunday School at 2 p. m. Preaching by the pastor at 3 p. m. Services appropriate to Christmas at 7. The public are cordially invited.

REFORM CLUB—Reform Club meeting tomorrow evening, corner Temple and Congress streets, commencing at 7.15 o'clock. The public are cordially invited.

SECOND ADVENT CHURCH, Mechanics' Hall, corner Congress and Casco streets.—Preaching by Dr. James Hemenway of Athol, Mass., 10.30 a. m. Subject: "Christianity from a business stand point." 3 p. m. Subject: "Christmas, and should it be observed?" Sunday Sdhool at 12 M. Social service 7 p. m.

ST. LAWRENCE ST. CONG'L CHURCH.—Rev. A. H. Wright, pastor. Christmas Sermon at 10.30 a. m. Christmas Choral Service at 3 p. m. at which the choir will render the music of the Cantata entitled——. Christmas Sunday School Concert at 7 p. m.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH—Rev. A. W. Little, Rector. Holy Communion at 7.30 a. m. Matins, sermon and Holy Communion at 10.30 a. m. Sunday School at 3 p. m. Holy Communion, Evening Prayer and Sermon at 7.30 p. m. Preaching at the 10.30 and 7.30 p. m. services Rev. A. W. Little, Rector.

SECOND PARISH (CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH—Congress, Cor. of Pearl St., Rev. C. H. Daniels, pastor. Christmas service at 3 p. m., with Christmas collection. Sunday School Christmas concert 7 p. m. Sunday School at 1.45 p. m. Chinese Class at 12 M.

STATE STREET CHURCH.—Rev. F. T. Bayley, pastor. Services of Worship at 10.30 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sabbath School at 3 p. m. Christmas Service in the evening: "The Good Tidings."

THE YOUNG MEN'S LIBERAL ASSOCIATION meet in Science Hall, corner of Congress and Temple Sts., entrance on Temple, at 2 p. m. Subject: "The birth of Christ the greatest advent in the history of man." Opening, address by Mr. James A. Magnusson.

VAUGHAN STREET CHURCH.—Rev. D. W. LeLacheur, pastor. Prayer meeting at 10.30 a. m. Sunday School at 1.30 p. m. Preaching by pastor at 3 p. m. Christmas Concert at 7 p. m.

WILLISTON CHURCH—Corner Thomas and Carroll streets. Rev. L. H. Hallock, pastor, will preach at 10.30 a. m. Sunday School Christmas concert at 3 p. m. Christmas choral service at 7 o'clock.

WEST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.—Rev. S. K. Perkins, pastor. Preaching service at 10.30 a. m. Sunday School at 11.45 a. m. Christmas Sunday School Concert at 7 p. m.

WOODFORD'S CLARK MEMORIAL M. E. CHURCH—Rev. Roscoe Sanderson, pastor.—Sunday school at 1.30 p. m. Preaching at 2.30 p. m. Young People's Meeting at 6.30. Song and Social Service at 7 p. m. Prayer Meeting Tuesday Evening. Class Meeting Friday Evening at 7.30.

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION—Farrington Block, 439 Congress street. Prayer and conference meeting at 9.15 a. m. Topic, "What have I to praise and thank God for?" Mr. A. W. Pistillington, leader. Song service at 4.30 p. m. Singing by the Portland Male Quartette and congregational singing with orchestral accompaniment. Brief addresses by Rev. N. T. Whitaker, D. D., and Rev. A. K. P. Small, D. D. All young men are cordially invited to attend.

Post Office.

The usual holiday office hours will be observed at this office on Monday, the 26th. The cashier's office and general delivery will be open from 8 to 9 a. m. and 1 to 2 p. m.; the carriers' deliveries at 8 a. m. and 2 p. m., and the collections at 7 a. m. and 6 p. m.; all others will be omitted.

The Valora Purchased.

The steamer Valora, of Portland, has been purchased by Capt. J. C. Hoyt of Kittery, through J. Nickerson & Son. Capt. Hoyt will employ her in carrying passengers and freight on the Piscataqua river.

Christmas Day.

The special feature of our supplement to this morning's issue is an attractive Christmas story by Mrs. Cavazza. Supplements as a rule are said to be slighted. Mrs. Cavazza's story will certainly save this one from any such fate, and make it a delight to the young people, for whom the story is specially intended.

BRIEF JOTTINGS.

A superb winter day yesterday and cold. The mercury indicated 8° at sunrise and didn't rise above 25° during the day.

Daniel P. Horr, druggist, of this city, has assigned. He owes about $6,600, with nominal assets of about $2,200.

The steamer City of Richmond makes her last trip to Machiasport tonight. She will be put on the route again early in the spring.

By the failure of John Marston, fish dealer of Boston, Portland fresh fish dealers will lose about $500.

Shaw, Hammond & Carney have removed to 267 Commercial street, corner of Cross street.

The steamer Winthrop of the New York line was detained on account of the storm, and did not arrive until a late hour yesterday.

The schooner Josie May landed 4,000 pounds of cod and haddock, and the B. F. Somes 15,000 pounds of the same yesterday. Other than these there were no arrivals.

A farmer's team ran away on Washington street yesterday forenoon, making things lively in that vicinity for a short time. Fortunately no damage was done.

The meeting at Preble Chapel, deferred from last Sunday, will take place tomorrow evening, at which Miss Sales and Mrs. Woodman will make addresses.

A sleigh tipped over in Congress Square, throwing out the occupant, a lady, who was dragged some distance. Alderman Gatley and Major Green stopped the runaway and rescued the lady.

Messrs. H. E. Knight and Charles Pollister went shooting yesterday morning and were so fortunate as to secure four nice plump wild geese off Back Cove. A wild goose so late in the season in this locality is rather rare.

Frank Hutchinson, the fort soldier, who was arrested by Detective Davis for breaking and entering the ferry house the other day, was brought before Trial Justice Robinson at Ferry Village and bound over to the grand jury in the sum of $500.

Frank Cushing of Pembroke, Me., aged 21 years, was struck by the outward train on the Boston & Lowell railroad at Prison Point, Thursday night at 10 o'clock, receiving a compound fracture of the right leg. He was taken to the Massachusetts General Hospital.

A horse attached to a milk team owned by Mr. Thompson of Yarmouth, took fright on Portland street and started out that street at a rapid pace yesterday. When near the poor house the team toppled over, distributing the cans about the street. The driver was thrown out, but was uninjured.

A snow slide fell from the roof of Ryan & Kelsey's store on Commercial street yesterday afternoon, striking the team of Mr. Chase and frightening the horses, which started to run away. The driver, by prompt action, succeeded in stopping the horses after they had ran a short distance.

The schooner A. R. Weeks, Captain Henley, from Baltimore with coal, arrived here yesterday. The vessel was overdue two weeks, and much anxiety was felt concerning her safety. Rough weather was the occasion of the delay. The voyage was made in a month's time.

Serious Accident to Major Thaxter.

Thursday morning Major Sidney W. Thaxter, of the firm of S. W. Thaxter & Co., left Portland on the noon train for South Berwick on business. He didn't have time to get his dinner and went off without it. He spent the afternoon transacting his business, and then enjoyed a good supper. After supper he went up to the railroad station to catch the train due in Portland at 11 p. m. while in the waiting room, which was very warm, he felt oppressed and thought he would see if the out-door air would remove his disagreeable feelings. He had hardly reached the platfarm when he was seized with vertigo, probably the effect of indigestion, and fell down two steps striking violently on his face. The blow was so severe that his nose and jaw were both broken, and he received an ugly gash in the throat, and another in the chin.

When picked up he had enough consciousness to say that he lived in Portland and to ask that a telegram be sent to Dr. Gerrish to meet him as the train arrived in this city. He was put aboard the train and the conductor gave him a towel to wash the blood from his face, but the telegram was not sent, and when he reached Portland he was put aboard a hack and sent home. He is seriously hurt but will come out of the accident all right.

A Narrow Escape.

The schooner James Nichols, Captain C. A. Blake, with bricks from Boothbay to Boston narrowly escaped being wrecked Wednesday morning. The vessel was anchored off Bang's Island, and at about 7 o'clock in the morning, her chain parted and she began to drift toward the Cape shore near Portland Light. The following is the story of one of the crew of the vessel which is now moored at the end of Portland Pier: "We had drifted, with our mainsail up, about 100 yards before we knew our chain had parted. One of the crew, upon going on deck, noticed that the vessel was moving and that the anchor was lost. The alarm was given but we were then within 70 yards of the rocks. It seemed that we must go ashore and if we had the vessel and her cargo would certainly have been lost. Still we drifted toward the shore. The foresail and jib were hoisted as soon as possible and we barely succeeded in clearing the rocks and saving the vessel. I tell you things were lively for a while, and had the schooner drifted five minutes longer she would have been lost."

Maine Press Association.

The twenty-fifth annual meeting of the Maine Press Association will be held at Portland, on Wednesday and Thursday, January 25th and 26th, 1888, beginning at 7 o'clock Wednesday evening. Essayist: Henry A. Shorey, Bridgton. Poet: Anna Sargent Hunt, of Augusta. Headquarters will be at the Preble House, where members and their wives and daughters will be charged but $1.50 per day. Members who intend to attend will please notify the Corresponding Secretary, George H. Watkins, of Portland, within the next week, that they may be furnished passes over the railroads.

City Government.

A special meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen was held yesterday afternoon, the Mayor presiding. Absent, Aldermen Ricker, Marks and Briggs.

The Mayor appointed Peter L. Kyle an auctioneer.

A petition for a guardian for an insane person was granted.

The sewer assessment on the lot of John Schwartz, located on Newbury street, was referred to the City Solicitor for examination and to report on at the next regular meeting.

Y. M. C. A.

The music and the remarks at the Y. M. C. A. song service on Sunday afternoon at 4.30 o'clock will have special reference to Christmas. The Portland Male Quartette will have the assistance of one or more boys from St. Luke's choir. Brief addresses will be made by Rev. N. T. Whitaker, D. D., and Rev. A. K. P. Small, D. D. The orchestra, which has been enlarged, consists of Warren W. Cole, clarionet; F. M. Horr, cornet: E. H. Butler, violin; B. F. Hinds, flute; C. A. Plummer, double bass; C. J. Baker, organist.

Children's Christmas Club.

There will be a meeting of the Children's Christmas Club at the City Building today, at 10 o'clock.

Mrs. Taylor, of the clothing committee, will be at the ward room in City Building next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday forenoons, to fit children with clothing. Clothes may be sent to the ward room at any time after Monday. It is hoped that people will respond generously to the call for clothing.

PERSONAL.

Augusta Moore, the poetess, is spending a few days at the residence of A. H. Barton, Esq., of Benton Falls.

Rev. L. E. Hall has resigned the pastorate of the Free Baptist church at Kittery Point, on account of his health.

At the annual meeting of the Strafford District Medical Society, held at Dover Wednesday, Dr. F. B. Morrill of North Berwick, Me., was elected as orator, and Dr. J. S. Parker of Lebanon, and Dr. S. C. Whittier of Portland, councillors.

Thomas E. Tateum, aged 56, was stricken with apeplexy and died in an hour at Worcester, Mass., on Thursday evening. He was born in Waterville, but had been a resident of Worcester 24 years, and was engaged in the marble business. He had been a member of the Common Council.

Mr. George N. Ewell, one of the proprietoos of the Eagle House, Haverhill, died Thursday. He was born in Prospect, Me., in 1817, and was formerly, for 31 years, proprietor of a hotel in Frankfort, Me., afterwards keeping an inn in Laconia, N. H. He leaves a widow and three children.

The wedding of Miss Alta Pease, the well known contralto of Boston, and Mr. Charles Edward Crouse, of Syracuse, N. Y., took place Wednesday evening at the Old South church in Boston, a large number of the relatives and friends of the contracting parties being in attendance. Rev. George A. Gordon was the officiating clergyman. The floral decrations at the church and the Vendome, where the reception was held, were very elaborate.

Deacon Isaac Haskell of Auburn, died yesterday morning. Mr. Haskell was born in Jay, Me., January 1st, 1815. His parents soon afterward removed to New Gloucester, where he resided till his eighteenth year. He then came to Auburn, where he learned the business of cabinet and carriage making. He has watched the growth of Auburn from a mere hamlet to its present proportions, and has been identified with many of its business interests.

Christmas Music.

The following programmes for the Christmas music to be given at the several churches tomorrow, have been received:

ST. LUKE'S CATHEDRAL.
Walter Goold organist and choirmaster.

7 A. M.
Holy Eucharist, (without choir)

10.30 A. M.

Processional—Hark, the Herald Angels.....Mendelssohn
Versicles.....Tallis
Venite.....Randall
Morning Psalms.....Anglican Chants
Te Deum Landamus in G.....Cobb
Benedictus.....Anon
Introit—Angels from the realms of glory.....Smart
Kyrie Eleison in C.....Onseley
Gloria Tibi in C.....Tallis
Anthem—Behold! I bring you good tidings.....Clare
Gloria Patri.....Randall
Offertory.....
Postlude.....

Second Celebration.

Sursum Corda.....Tallis
Sanctus.....Taylor
Hymn—Adeste Fideles.....Reading
Gloria in Excelsis.....Zeurner
Recessional—Nunc Dimittis.....Bp. Medly

3 P. M.
Christmas Carol Service.

7 P. M.

Processional—Shout the glad tidings.....Goss
Versicles.....Plain Song
Evening Psalms.....Anglican Chants
Magnificat.....Barnby
Nunc Dimittis.....Savage
Anthem—Glory to God in the Highest.....Cooke
Hymn—While shepherds watched.....Clarke
Recessional—Hark! Those holy voices.....Geer

CONGRESS SQUARE.

Anthem—There were Shepherds ...Dudley Buck
Gloria Patri.....Marston
Christmas Song.....Adam
Hymn—Calm on the listening ear of night.....Marston
Anthem—Blessed be the Lord God of Israel.....Barnby

The choir at this church consists of Miss Merrill, soprano; Mrs. Morrison, contralto; Mr. Horn, tenor; Mr. G. F. Duncan, bass; Mr. George Marston, organist and director.

CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL.
Pontifical High Mass at 10.30 a. m.

Overture—Wagner.....Buck
Kyrie—Traeger's Mass in C Minor.....
Gloria.....Traeger
Credo.....Traeger
Offertory.....Lamballette
Sanctus.....Traeger
Benedictus.....Traeger
Agnus Dei.....Traeger
Adeste Fideles.....Novello
March.....Klintz

Vespers at 5 p. m.

Andante.....Vieuxtemps
Grand Choeur.....Guilmant
Appropriate Psalms.....Gregorian
Adeste Fideles.....Novello
Magnificat.....Mozart
Alma Redemptonis.....Wilkins
O Salutaris.....Wiegand
Christmas Pastorate.....Lamballette
Tantum Ergo.....F. C. Goeb
March.....Schubert

George A. Quinby, Organist.

STATE STREET CHURCH.

At this church the Christmas service will be at 10.30 a. m. The music will be as follows:

Organ Voluntary.....Guilmant
Christmas Carol.....Buck
Anthem—The Angel Gabriel was sent from God.....Smart
Solo—O! Thou That Tellest.....Handel
Mrs. Sturgis.
Christmas Hymn.....Buck
Organ Postlude.....Handel

The choir is: Soprono, Mrs. W. P. Chase; alto, Mrs. Ada Cary Sturgis; tenor, Mr. W. H. Stockbridge; bass, Mr. John B. Coyle; H. S. Murray, organist and director.

HIGH STREET CHURCH.

Morning.

Te Deum, G. Major.....H. E. Ds
Jerusalem.....Parker Rees
The angels sang in the silent night.....Marsh

Afternoon

Jubilate Deo (B Flat).....Mosenthal
Hark, hark my soul.....Arranged
O Holy Night.....Adam

The choir is: Mrs. Fellows, soprano; Miss Long, contralto; Mr. Barnard, tenor; Mr. Follansbee, bass; Mr. H. E. Duncan, organist and director.

PAYSON MEMORIAL CHURCH.

Organ Voluntary.....Kotzschmar
Christmas Carol.....English
Gloria Patri.....Chadwick
Hymn—The Star of Bethlehem.....
.....Melody Bonnie Doon
Aria—O Thou That Tellest.....Handel
Anthem—O, Come all ye Faithful.....Novello
Hymn—Congregational.....

FIRST BAPTIST.

The First Baptist Sabbath school will have an interesting Christmas concert, with fine music and an interesting service by the school, at 7 o'clock tomorrow evening.

FREE STREET BAPTIST.

There will be a Christmas concert at this church in the evening. There will be a Christmas hymn, by the Schubert Quartette, Pastoral Symphony, carol "Glory to God;" singing by Schubert Quartette; Hymn, "Oh, Come All." Rev. Mr. Dunn will deliver an address.

WILLISTON CHURCH.

The following will be the musical programme:

Morning.

Pastoral Symphony.....Handel
Anthem—There were Shepherds.....Buck
Gloria in Excelsis.....Trowbridge
Christmas Carol.....Kotzschmar
Shout the Glad Tidings.....Wilson
Hallelujah Chorus.....Handel

Evening Choral Service.

Christmas Offertoire.....Guilmant
Te Deum.....Lloyd
Gloria.....Lloyd
Trio—Hark! What Mean Those Holy Voices.....Mercadante
O! Holy Night.....Adam
Miss Webster.
Exulting Angels.....Billings
Postlude.....Haydn

ST. STEPHENS.

Anthem—There were Shepherds.....Buck
Venite—O Come let us sing unto the Lord..Jarvis
Gloria Patria, (in Bb).....Kaffenberger
Gloria Patria, (in F).....Schilling
Gloria Patria (in Bb).....Norris
Te Deum (in Eb).....Lloyd
Jubilate Deo (in Eb).....Corbin
Hymn—Come Hither ye Faithful.....Reading
Gloria Tibi (in J).....Paxton
Hymn—Shout the Glad Tidings.....Avison
Hymn—Hark! the Herald Angels Sing..Lambeth
Gloria in Excelsis (in G).....Morley

The chorus is composed of Miss Belle Bartlette, soprano; Miss Kate Wilson, contralto; Mr. J. P. Morgan, tenor and director; Mr. W. T. Pierce, basso; Mr. A. L. Ryser, organist.

Christmas Markets.

The markets were full of poultry yesterday, and it was of much better quality than at Thanksgiving. The prices were for best turkeys 22 to 25 cents; chickens, 16 to 20; ducks 23 to 25; geese 20 to 25; Bremen geese, 28 to 30; venison, 35; quail, $3.25 a dozen; grouse $1.50 a pair; Mallard duck, $1.25 a pair; pigeons, $3 a dozen. The biggest turkey weighed 25 pounds.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following transfers of real estate in this county have been recorded in the Registrs of Deeds:

Portland—Edward Gould to F. C. Burns. $1 and other considerations.

J. H. Rines to C. J. Skillings. $1 and other considerations.

Peter H. Boyle et al. to M. O'Connor et al. $1 and other considerations.

Peaks' Island—May Chapman to I. S. Webb. $1 and other considerations.

Scarboro—Harriet A. Libby to C. S. Homer. $1.

Gorham—Cornelia A. Files to George K. Spinney. $25.

Windham—F. H. Morrill to L. H. Morrill. $110.

Standish—Lemuel Rich to Reuben Harmon. $50.

MUSIC AND DRAMA.

THE MORRILL'S CORNER COURSE.

The third lecture in the course at Morrill's Corner in aid of the new reading room occurs next Monday night, when W. H. Pennell will lecture on "A Visit to Matinicus." After this there will be six other entertainments, the last occurring Feb. 13th. Jan. 9th the Shaw Quartette give a concert; on Jan. 16th Rev. Frank T. Bayley lectures on "Mysteries"; on Jan. 26th Dr. W. H. Fenn will talk on "Glimpses of the London Poor"; on Jan. 30th "A Trip to the Sandwich Islands" will be P. C. Manning's subject; Rev. C. H. Daniels will lecture on "Gleanings from Abroad" on Feb. 6th; and the last lecture will be on "My Neighbors" and by Rev. D. W. LeLacheur. This course as laid out will be interesting and profitable; and is in aid of a cause especially worthy.

PARK GARDEN.

Last evening, owing to the accident to Messrs. Edwards and Beane, the Gilday Comedy Company closed their week's engagement. This evening the management have secured the Star Comedy Company, who have been giving entertainments in different parts of the State. This company is composed of local talent, and they will be seen in their different specialties this evening. Tonight being patrons' evening, the prizes will be given away at the close of the performance.

NOTES.

Edith Leslie, who is performing at the Hollis Street Theatre, Boston, is the most natural and yet artistic actress of her age that has appeared on the stage for very many years. She is only 10 years old.

Herr Viennes, the Austrian tenor, who is under an engagement to sing in St. Petersburg, has received from Prince Dolgorouki a note informing him that it is unadvisable at present for him to appear in Russia.

The Portland Amateurs will give "The Doctor of Alcantara" and "Trial by Jury" the second week in January at Portland Theatre.

"The World" will be produced at Portland Theatre the third week in January.

At Portland Theatre all next week Moulton's Dramatic Company will appear in standard plays, charging low prices of admission, like Bennett & Moulton's Opera Company. The opening play will be "Lancashire Lass" next Monday afternoon.

"The Grass Widow" was repeated at Portland Theatre last night.

There was no performance at Park Garden last evening.

Prima Facie Once More.

To the Editor of the Press:

Either I have misunderstood you, or you have me, in relation to Judge Whitehouse. I understood you to say (and cite from his charge to sustain you) that Judge Whitehouse held that the certificate was not sufficient to *authorize* a conviction without other proof; and my point was that because he told the jury that the certificate and other circumstances were sufficient to authorize a conviction you had no right to infer that he would hold that the certificate without the other evidence would not be sufficient to *authorize* (not *require*) a conviction.

If the law is to be so construed as to *require* a conviction upon evidence of the payment of the tax and the taking out of a certificate, I do not suppose that *anybody*, now that attention has been called to the matter, (excuse me, except Draco) will hold that the law is constitutional.

Are you sure that you quote precisely Judge Whitehouse's statement made off from the bench? I greatly doubt that he understood that he was making any such statement. The grammatical construction of it connects the part you printed in italics with the "if" which commences the quotation, and if you so construe "its" it fails to sustain your views. And if he meant by the part you print in italics to assert *absolutely* that the law was intended to compel the jury to convict, why in the world did he mix it in such a sentence? The judge is not wont to express himself ungrammatically, or in such a hybrid sentence as the one in question is, if we take it as you understand it. I cannot help thinking that the reporter in committing to writing what the judge said failed to understand him accurately, or to put down with precise accuracy what he said.

From the language Judge Bonney used in the Guppy case it would appear that he regarded the case as a *criminal* one or that he had in mind the decisions you referred to as to evidence in civil cases of a particular class; but in either event it does not show necessarily what his ruling will be when a case indictment comes before him for trial. In the Guppy case the question was not whether the respondent was a common seller, a keeper of a nuisance, (the offences named in the law) but whether the liquors in question were owned by the claimant and not intended for sale in this State in violation of law. And I say frankly that the Guppy case is of a class which the Law Court may hold to be so essentially criminal in its nature, as to be treated as criminal rather than civil; but still the technical issue is not criminal in character. I may have more faith in my belief that Judge Bonney did not express his own views of the law in the Guppy case, but ruled as he did for the purpose of having the construction of the law settled by the law court, because I knew that, last winter, while the law was pending and under discussion, the Judge declared time and again, that the proposed law statute added little, if anything, to the law already existing. I hesitate to quote what is said by a judge when not on the bench and acting officially, but as his statements so made have undoubtedly influenced *my* mind, I give them.

As to two points in my communication to the Advertiser being overthrown, that depends. It is true that when I wrote that, as I have already stated, I had seen only an abstract of Judge Whitehouse's charge, which conveyed to my mind a different impression from the one I gained after seing the fuller extract in the PRESS. I have not yet seen the whole charge; and while I admit that the understanding of it which I gathered from the abstract is not sustained by the part of it which I have seen, I am still uncertain as to what a fair construction of the *whole charge would be.*

It is also true that I did say that there is no doubt as to the construction of the Statute; but I did not say that no doubts had been raised as to its construction; indeed I expressly stated the contrary, and the whole object of my communication as stated in the opening paragraph was to endeavor to correct the erroneous impression then prevailing. I gave the grounds for my statement, and you have not attempted to contradict their correctness or their efficiency. You did undertake to show, and did show if you please, that doubts, and serious ones too, had been *raised;* and if you choose to take my language with absolute literalness, my statement was overthrown at the start, because the doubt of a single person—even of Draco—would have that effect. But if you give my words the ordinary construction, that there is no reasonable doubt upon the point, I believe I can safely leave to yourself the decision as to the construction which the law should have at the hands of the law court.

These two points as to what Judge Whitehouse ruled, and as to whether there is doubt as to the construction of the law, were merely incidental to the points which I undertook to make. J. H. D.

Young Men's Republican Club.

A meeting of the Young Men's Republican Club was held last evening. Action was taken toward securing permanent rooms for the club.

The following gentlemen were elected to membership:

Robert S. Thomas,	Thomas J. Frothingham,
Geo. M. Goold,	Chas. M. Talbot,
D. Eugene Chaplin,	W. F. Stone,
C. R. Lewis,	J. C. Libby,
W. H. Lincoln,	C. F. Holden,
C. M. Follansbee,	James W. Bailey,
E. R. Beal,	Henry S. Payson,
Henry N. Whitman,	Fred J. Isley,
Chas. O. Barrows,	Frank H. Little,
Eben W. Freeman,	Chas. A. Dow,
V. Richard Foss,	Henry E. Duncan,
Chas. D. Alexander,	Mervin W. Clark,
Chas. C. McLean,	F. W. Woodman.

A large number of names were presented to the committee on membership too late for any action.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, Jan. 4th.

Will Close Their Stores

We, the undersigned, agree to close our stores Monday, Dec. 26th, 1887.

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[Norway Advertiser.)

Capt. A. J. Smith, of the Androscoggin Lakes Transportation Co., familiarly known the world over as Capt. Andy was in town Tuesday en route for Andover. Capt. Smith though not a dude or vain or over proud man has a great liking for expensive hats. When dressed in his boat regimentals he wears a hat that the ornaments on it cost at least the princely sum of $125.00. He has two of them, an all white and an all red, an abbreviated brim Buffalo Bill slouch hat. The ornaments on these hats have cost at least $200.00, and they are fantastically beautiful beyond description and will inspire envious jealousy in the bosom of any disciple of Izaak Walton, if not in the fair sex who wear birds and lizards on their hats. It is the custom with the fisherman passengers on his boat to present the Captain with a troutfly, beetle or bug and it is deftly hooked into his hat so the different colored insects blend harmoniously in gorgeous array.

MAINE HILLS OF IRON.

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the furnace, keep the U pipes very hot. This is called the Durham oven, but the division into two chambers is a device invented by Superintendent Sjostedt, for the purpose of getting a higher degree of heat in the air. When the air comes out from its pilgrimage through the U pipes of this oven, it is hot enough to send the mercury of a Fahrenheit thermometer up to 800 degree mark above. It is hot enough to melt zinc and to cause the coal and ore to burn with a fervent heat. The hot air, blowing with all the force which the big pistons can put behind it, enters the bottom of the furnace through six tubes or "turyes," each four inches in diameter. So are supplied the air and the heat for the furnace.

The ore and the charcoal are put in at the top of the furnace, first a little of the ore and then a little of the other. With them are put in "fluxes," Rockland lime rock and manganese ore from New Brunswick, in relatively small quantities. The duty of these fluxes is to aid in the re-arrangement of elments by which the pure iron gets just what are wanted to make it pig iron, while the other elements escape as gases or form into the molten mass which, being lighter, lies on top of the iron and when drawn off and cooled forms a glassy "slag."

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Re - Insurance Fund	1,183,526.18	
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SUGAR AND SHEEP.

Inconsistencies of the President's Tariff Essay.

[Manchester Mirror and Farmer.]

No amount of tariff protection or other government encouragement would make the production of tea and coffee in the United States equal the demand, for the Creator has decreed that these articles shall be grown elsewhere and not here. Neither our soil nor our climate are adapted to them. It is, therefore, rank folly to place aduty upon them except for revenue only. They are necessaries of life and sure to be used in large quantities, cost what they may. A heavy tax upon them would, therefore, put money in the treasury but it would not cause them to be grown in this country. It is much the same with sugar. We have a few acres of land in the South on which cane can be profitably grown, and there are small sections in which sugar is made from rock maples. Some experiments have been made with sugar beets but they have resulted in a failure, and the same is true of sorghum. So that with the exhaustion of the sugar lands in the South and the destruction of the maple forests in the North, the production of sugar has been and is steadily decreasing, and this, too, in spite of a largely increased demand and a very high duty. In 1853 the sugar product of the United States was five hundred and twenty-five million pounds, while the average product during the last ten years has been but two hundred and fifty-one million pounds, a falling off of more than one half. In ten years the consumption of sugar in this country has risen from 745,250 tons a year or 36 pounds per capita to 1,389,125 tons or 53 pounds per capita. In other words we now consume almost twice as much as we did ten years ago and produce less than half what we did 35 years ago. And all this while our sugar growers have been protected by a duty of about 50 per cent. That is to say, we buy abroad every year about a hundred million dollars worth of sugar and molasses, and on this we pay a tax of fifty millions, making the cost to consumers one hundred and fifty millions in order that our own producers may sell their crops for ten millions instead of seven, and still their business shrinks and shrinks every year. A bounty of fifty per cent on all home grown sugar would give our planters all the advantage they have now and more, and if this were paid and imported sugar put upon the free list, it would leave in the pockets of the people forty-five or fifty millions, and nobody would be any the poorer, and no industry would suffer.

There is no natural reason why we should not raise all the sheep and wool we need. We have millions of acres of the best grazing lands on earth. In the South, the climate is such, that sheep need no shelter and no food except what they get in the pastures, and in the North and East the demand for lambs and mutton for food should enable sheep farmers to compete with those who are at much less expense. They tell us that we must not expect to grow sheep upon the high priced lands of the older States, but abroad the best and most costly lands are devoted to this industry, and there is no reason why, to a large extent, they should not be in this country. Notwithstanding all our advantages, we not only go to other countries for a large share of our wool, but we every year go from bad to worse in this respect. Under the war tariff, sheep raising was one of our most profitable industries, flocks steadily increased in numbers and improved in quality, and although we we were a long way from supplying the home demand as we should have done, we were fast decreasing our importations of wool and woolens, and reaching a position of independence. Then came the reduction of duties in 1884, of from ten to thirty per cent, and at once the sheep business began to decline. Foreign wools and woolens crowded our markets, the demand for domestic productions fell off, farmers could not make wool growing pay, and sold their sheep, and to-day we have in the country six millions less sheep than we had four years ago, and are sending away our money for much that prior to that time we made for ourselves. A Boston merchant in discussing this subject with an Advertiser reporter, furnishes the following facts from the reports of the treasury department:

"During the year 1881, 1882 and 1883, under the old tariff the income to the government on importations of worsted cloths was $2,455,548, while during the next three years under a 10 to 22 cents per pound reduction in the tariff the increase was $7,367,411, being an increase of $4,910,803 over the three previous years. In knit goods the reduction in the tariff was the same, 10 to 22 cents per pound, and during the same three years under the old tariff the duties paid the government were $1,161,818, and during the next three years under the reduction it was $2,759,381, or an increase of $1,657,563 over the high tariff. In knit goods under the old rate of duties, the income for 1881, 1882 and 1883, was $1,722,483, and during the next three years under a 10 and 22 cents per pound reduction, the duties were $3,617,364, or an increase of $1,894,881. In manufactured goods the increase for the three years on 5 cents per pound lower duties, was $18,991.817, or $2,401,680 during low protection, and $902,103 under high protection. On wool the tariff reduction in 1884 was 10 to 15 2-3 per cent, and the duties paid during the three years immediately preceding was $11,990,005 against $12,813,220 for the three years following, or an increase of income of $823,134 under the low protection, while on rags, waste, etc., the reduction was 2 cents per pound, and the increase under the lower tariff $179,234, or $291,858 for the three years of high tariff, and $471,091 for the three years after the reduction."

These figures and all others bearing upon the subject force every man of sense to the conclusion that the decline of sheep growing is mainly attributed to the reduction of the duty, and that the abolition of the duty would be the utter destruction of the business. With these facts established, that no amount of protection can make us producers of sugar we use, and that without protection the wool industry must die, we come to a consideration of the question, how shall we reduce the national revenues so as to get rid of the annual surplus? It seems to us that a man need not be a statesman, that if he has simply an ordinary amount of common sense, enough to show him that it is better to find a dollar than to lose one, he will make but one answer and that is to repeal the duty on sugar and leave that upon wool. But Mr. Cleveland sees it through the spectacles of the New York importers and Louisiana planters and says give us free wool, and continue to tax sugar fifty millions a year.

The Gi Sin See and See Yup War.

[San Francisco Post.]

The police authorities are greatly troubled over the hostile attitude assumed by the Gi Sin See and the See Yup gang of rival highbinders, and it is believed that a serious riot is imminent at any moment. It is the first time in years that the See people have taken the law into their own hands, and as it is known that their fighting men are fearless and defiant when once started, it is more than probable that the murder crop will be immensely large this year. If the fighting was confined to the two organizations above named the matter would be bad enough, but inasmuch as there is an evident intention on the part of the warring highbinders to resent police interference with bullets, the policemen who are on duty in the Chinese quarter are liable to be shot down at any time by lawless Mongols. The policemen have but little protection or opportunity of defending themselves, for as a general rule the highbinder finds that his aim is improved when he is on the roof of a building or is firing from behind a window. There is an extra force of police on duty in Chinatown during the past few days, and they have been kept busy running here and there, as pistol shots are heard in all directions.

Mixing Names.

[Washington Despatch to N. Y. Tribune.]

One of the strange coincidences of nomenclature is that the daughter of General Logan married a Mr. Tucker, while the daughter of ex-Representative Randolph Tucker married a Mr. Logan. Each couple have a son. The name of one is Tucker Logan and the other is Logan Tucker. The boys are about the same age, but I am told they have never seen each other. Something very similar occurred here a number of years ago. Senators Dorsey and Clayton, of Arkansas, had sons born to them about the same time. They were intimate then and christened their children accordingly, one being named Clayton Dorsey and the other Dorsey Clayton. This was very nice and the boys were as loving as brothers. There was no fence between the Dorsey and Clayton mansions and the two families were as intimate as any ever were. But the time came when the fathers fell out, and I understand that they have not been on speaking terms with each other for years. One can't drop a name as he does a friendship, however, and the boys are reminders of the past.

[Written for the Portland PRESS.]

CHRISTMAS AND THE OREAD.

To Edith M. Thomas, from E. Cavazza.

Above the great Thessalian hill
The planets rang like bells of gold,
While distant voices manifold
Sang, Peace on earth, to men good will!—
A murmuring wall was heard to run:
Our reign is done.

A tremor shook the mountain side;
The woodland haunts were set astir,
From bole of beech and stem of fir
Did many a frightened dryad glide;
And naiads left the troubled rings
Of watersprings.

The oreads freed the half-tamed fawn;
No more they bent to listen where
The whispering fronds of maiden-hair,
Black-threaded, fringed the upland lawn;
Nor gathered violets dark or pale
In Tempe's vale.

Nor weaving ivy crowns they went,
With pauses of delicious woe
To hear upon the plane-tree bough
The ringdove cooing sad content—
White flashed their feet by terror sped,
Startled, they fled.

Not all—a rose-branch with its briers
Detains the oread it has taken,
Around her fall the petals shaken;
Pallid, she hears the heavenly choirs
And stars that thrill the awakened night
With vocal light.

Sweet sudden flame and rapture new
Fill all her body—her soul is born;
She carols to the Christmas morn.
Her clear voice colorless as dew,
Rises to meet the astral fires
And angel choirs.

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Surely, amid some dream divine,
The oread priestess thou hast seen
Above thy pillow come to lean,
And heard her song and made it thine—
Angelic words, and sylvan tone
The oread's own.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

Engravings on Wood by members of the Society of Wood Engravers, with an introduction and description by William M. Laffan. is doubtless the best of the productions of the kind that has made its appearance this year. The plates number twenty-five in all, of varying size, but mostly large. Twenty-three are from oil paintings, one from a fresco by Gioto, and one from a drawing by Mr. Abbey. The work is a remarkable illustration of the high degree of perfection which the art of engraving has reached in this country. Any attempt at criticism of the various specimens would be out of place except it came from a connoisseur. The public will regard them as little short of perfection. A variety of subjects are treated by the engravers, and the work in every case is admirably done. Figure pieces make up the majority of the engravings, but there are a number of landscapes. Each engraver was free to make his own choice of a subject, and it is to be presumed, that he selected the department in which he excelled, so that these engravings are undoubtedly the best possible work of the authors of them. The work is one that appeals so much to the eye that anything but a general description of it would be useless. To use a trite expression, it must be seen to be appreciated. But it is a book not to be glanced over hurriedly as ordinary picture books are looked at, but to be studied long and carefully, if one would comprehend all its beauties. The titles of the engravings with their authors are, The Mystery of Life, engraved from a painting by Carl Marr, by Victor Bernstrom; The Quadroon Girl, engraved from a painting by George Fuller, by W. B. Closson; The Listeners, engraved from a painting by William M. Hunt, by the same engraver; Among the Old Poets and the Cobblers, engraved by John P. Davis; Lacing the Sandal, and In the Enemy's Country, by Frank French; The Sibyl and A Difference, by F. S. King; A Morning, and The Flying Dutchman, by Elbridge Kinsley; A Portrait, and Rent Day, by G. Knell; I'm Perfectly Happy, by R. A. Muller; The Three Marys, The Lady and Horse, by C. A. Powell; Identity and A Waterfall by Moonlight, by S. G. Putnam; Exchanging Confidence, by John Tinkey; One Day in June and Miles Standish's Challenge, engraved by F. H. Wellington. The New England Peddler and The Roadside, engraved by Henry Wolf. The letter press by Mr. Laffan gives an interesting account of the progress of wood engraving in this country with critical remarks upon the distinguishing features of the work of American engravers. "The present work," says Mr. Laffan, "has been prompted by a creditable and natural desire on the part of the foremost engravers of America to put forth something, the responsibility for which should begin and end with themselves. Each wished to give expression to his own peculiar bent after his own fashion, and to place himself in the best possible light with work of his own choice, adapted to his taste and inclination." The result is a collection of the most ambitious and important work of each engraver, the value of which as specimens of what is possible in this department of art can hardly be overestimated. (New York: Harper & Brothers; Portland: Loring, Short & Harmon.)

The Divine Man. From the Nativity to the Temptation. By George Dana Boardman. Dr. Boardman is well known through his theological works and in his position as pastor of the First Baptist Church, Philadelphia. A profound scholar, devotional in spirit, a sincere and enthusiastic believer in the doctrines of his church in particular and old-time orthodoxy in general, he is yet considerate, forbearing and tolerant of those who differ from him in belief. One is impressed in the present work with the earnestness of spirit which he brings to his subject, and his manner is always fine and fair. To evangelical believers this strong study of the life of Jesus will be most helpful and stimulating. The publishers have made of it a very handsome volume, the frontispiece being a photogravure of Jesus among the Doctors in the Temple. (New York: D. Appleton & Co.; Portland: Loring, Short & Harmon.)

Family Living on $500 a Year. A Daily Reference-Book for Young and Inexperienced Housewives. Nothing in this world delights the heart of a housewife like a new cook book. One never has too many of them, and even if one finds it practically impossible to achieve all the delicacies of the season, deliciously cooked for $500 a year, yet it is a fascinating study to find out how somebody thinks she can do it. Miss Corson's book is excellent and will do vlauable service in teaching economy to the inexperienced, who ought to be wiser, but have yet failed to find out for themselves how far a little, properly used, may be made to go. The author provides for us a system, and begs us to learn the entire plan, for otherwise we shall not practise it successfully. (New York: Harper & Brothers; Portland: Loring, Short & Harmon.)

A Magnificent Plebeian. By Julia Magruder. This is a bright and rather clever novel by a Southern woman, who is also the author of Across the Chasm, published last year. The principal characters in this story are slightly overdrawn, the "magnificent plebeian" being rather too magnificent, and his sister Ruth and her child rather unnecessarily vulgar and common. In other words, the high lights of the story are too high, and the shadows singularly deep, so that the contrasts are too striking, while the coloring is somewhat crude. We do not find the heroine, the aristocratic Miss Mayne, so enchanting as did Mr. Vivian Vernon, the hero, whom she nevertheless marries in spite of himself. It is, however, a pleasant, bright story, and better than the average. (New York: Harper & Brothers; Portland: Loring, Short & Harmon.)

Only a Year and What it Brought. By Jane Andrews. That this pretty little volume is by the author of Seven Little Sisters will be quite enough to recommend it to all who remember that charming book. It was published a good many years ago, and perhaps—although we hope not—it is only the elders who remember those fascinating babies, The Seven Little Sisters from seven different quarters of the globe. This time, however, the author gives us a real home story, and we will be glad to know that the poor little hero who asks for shelter from kind people is made happy and taught to live a useful life. There is not too much moral, and there is a great deal of story, besides beautiful covers without and pictures within, so that the children are sure to like it. (Boston: Lee & Shepard; Portland: Loring, Short & Harmon.)

Five Hundred Dollars and Other Stories of New England Life. By C. H. W. A new writer, whose identity is concealed beneath three initials, has given us a series of delightful short stories, wise, witty and entertaining to a degree. We have met several of them before in the Century, i. e. The Village Convict, Eli, Five Hundred Dollars, and The New Minister's Great Opportunity; By the Sea and Saint Patrick being now printed for the first time. In Madeira Place appeared originally in the Atlantic. They form a charming collection, and in their tasteful binding make a very attractive volume. (Boston: Little, Brown & Co.; Portland: Loring, Short & Harmon.)

The Fortunes of the Faradays. By Amanda M. Douglass. That Miss Douglass's novels are popular is attested by the immense sale which they have. She writes of real people, of the fads and fancies of the day, and weaves in a love story with it all, thus entertaining her audiences to their entire satisfaction. If merit is to be measured by success her writings are all that could be desired. They are at least clean and wholesome, and free from false sentiment and doubtful morality. One can follow the fortunes of the Faradays with interest. (Boston: Lee & Shepard; Portland: Loring Short & Harmon.)

The Vanderheyde Manor-House. By Mary Cruger. This story of the Vandenheyde Manor-House is quite as rambling as the house itself, which is an impossible old place temporarily occupied by some very silly people, whose friends are as silly as themselves. The book is harmless, unless it be that to read such trash is an utter waste of time. It appears that the author has previously written two novels, entitled Hyperæsthesia and A Den of Thieves. She is at least happy in her choice of titles. (New York: Worthington Company; Portland: McLellan, Mosher & Co.)

Bible Talks About Bible Pictures, by Jenny B. Merrill and F. McCready Harris (Hope Ledyard), is really the third in a series of talks about the Bible adapted to the comprehension of young readers. This volume contains the story of Jacob's Vision, Jacob's Meeting with Esau, The Plague of Hail, Departure of the Israelites, The Ten Commandments and a great many others, each illustrated by a full page engraving. (New York: Cassell & Co.; Portland: Loring, Short & Harmon.)

Twelve Times One, by Miss M. A. Lathbury, consists of fac simile water-colored drawings, exquisitely printed in 12 colors, with descriptive verses to each illustration. This new book, although on a larger scale, is a charming companion to the author's ever popular Seven Little Maids. Every care has been taken to make the mechanical part of this work as perfect as the lithographic art can make it, and the exquisite work of Miss Lathbury has been faithfully copied to the most minute details. (New York: Worthington & Co.; Portland: McLellan, Mosher & Co.)

The Lawyer, The Statesman and The Soldier, by George S. Boutwell are sketches of Rufus Choate, "the lawyer," Daniel Webster, "the statesman," President Lincoln, "the statesman and liberator," and Gen. Grant, "the soldier and statesman." Mr. Boutwell had personal acquaintance with the persons of whom he writes, and his sketches are something more than mere biographies. They are tributes of respect and affection to four of the greatest men this country has produced. (New York: D. Appleton & Co.; Portland: Loring, Short & Harmon.)

IMPERIAL MISERY.

The Czar's Lot One a Happy Man Would not Envy.

[Letter of a Russian Courtier.]

It is not too much to say that to-day Alexander III., the autocrat of all the Russias, is indeed one of the most miserable men of this country. Putting aside the absurb notion that he, the Czar, is virtually an earthly god of his own country, let us look at him as a man, a husband and a father of his family. Not even the fiercest of the nihilists have ever accused Alexander Alexandrovitch of being a dishonest and personally a cowardly man, and yet since he ascended the imperial throne he never enjoyed the lot of the upright man. Like an outlaw pursued by a vigilance committee, he is forced to hide himself going stealthily from one secluded place to another When visiting this Capital he is expected to follow faithfully a detailed route made out for him by the police, and it happened time and again that his manhood spoke louder than the Czar, and he ordered his driver to go by a route ungarded and unlooked for, to the indescrible consternation of the police detective and gend'armes officers. But lack of comforts of civil life is quite insignificant by the side of the deep sorrow he suffers as husband and father.

There is no man in Russia truer and more tender to his wife than Alexander Alexandrovitch is to his. Now imagine the lot of this loving husband realizing the dreadful fact that his beloved wife, both physically and mentally, is quite worn out; that the restless nights and weary days and constant fear for years have completely undermined her health, so much so that to-day she is showing the symptoms of approaching insanity. Those who some six years ago have seen the lovely, lively, rosy-cheeked and eversmiling wife of the Czarovitch can hardly now realize the same woman in the Czarina. Pale, ever trembling at the least unexpected noise, with deep dark circles surrounding her eyes—such is the Czarina of today. How dearly she has paid already for the imperial crown! And her hour of trial is yet at the beginning. Is there a woman in Russia who would exchange her lot for the Czarina's? To dread ceaselessly for her husband's fate, and to wait for premature but inevitable death of her elder son, this is enough to break the heart of any woman.

The doom of the Czarovitch is sealed. He has consumption. This is a court secret. Think only of the Czar's feelings in view of repeated attempts on his life. If the worst should happen to him, who would take charge of his family and the empire? Certainly the Czarovitch is not in a condition to take up that burden. Then he would abdicate in favor of his next brother, Grand Duke George, a youth of 16. But that would involve a perturbation that might endanger the very imperial throne. We must have in view that the imperial house of Romanoff of to-day, is not at all a happy and peaceful family. There is in it as much of discontent, conspiracy and hatred as in the country at large. Grand Duke Constantine, uncle of the Czar, for instance, has a personal grudge against the autocrat, and it is said he would agree to any terms, provided he would be placed at the helm of the government, be it with the title of a Czar or a constitutional Emperor, or even of a President. But Grand Duke Vladimir, the Chief Commander of the army of the St. Petersburg district, a man of the Nicholas type, would not surrender his power to anyone, so that there would be indeed lively times here should a nihilist's bomb reach its aim.

Candles at Festivals.

It is the custom nowadays to use candles, either with or without shades, for decorating and illuminating at balls, receptions, dinner parties. afternoon teas, wedding feasts, Christmas revels and such like festivities, because of the subdued and delicate light obtained. Another reason is that they lend themselves more readily to novel ideas in decoration, and yield more striking effects in light than any other illuminating agent. Besides all these, it is the fashion. Nothing is prettier for the parlor or dining-room on Thanksgiving or Christmas Day, and they may be properly used as far into the season as Easter. The small candles for children or for Christmas trees, are as much in demand as ever, and vary from 144 to the pound to those of about half an ounce each. These are, of course, of all colors, and are so cheap that even the poorest can afford to present their little children with a few, if not with an entire box. With these candles are the holders, reflectors, ornaments for trees in colors and tinsel, and the numerous devices by which the Christmas tree may be inviting and attractive.

WOMEN IN THE WAR.

Mary A. Livermore Writes of Their Sacrifices and Labors.

[Women's Journal.]

The great uprising among men, in 1861, who ignored party and politics, and forgot sect and trade in the fervor of their quickened love of country was paralleled by a similar uprising among women. The patriotic speech and song which fired the blood of men, and led them to enter the lists of soldiers, nourished the self-sacrifice of women, and stimulated them to the collection of hospital supplies, and to brave the horrors and hardships of hospital life.

If men responded to the call of the country when it demanded soldiers by the hundred thousand, women planned money-making enterprises whose vastness of conception and good business management yielded millions of dollars to be expended in the interest of sick and wounded soldiers. If men faltered not, and went gaily to death that slavery might be exterminated, and that the United States might remain intact and undivided, women strengthened them by accepting the policy of the government uncomplainingly. When the telegraph recorded for the country "defeat instead of victory," and for their beloved "death" instead of "life," women continued to give the government their faith, and patiently worked and waited.

It is easy to understand how men catch the contagion of war, especially when they feel the quarrel to be just. One can comprehend how, fired with enthusiasm and inspired by martial music, they march to the common's mouth, where the iron hail rains heaviest, and the ranks are mowed like grain in harvest; but for women to send forth their husbands, sons, brothers and lovers to the fearful chances of the battlefield, knowing well the risks they run—this involves exquisite suffering, and calls for another kind of heroism. This women did throughout the country, forcing their white lips to utter a cheerful "good by," when their hearts were nigh breaking with the fierce struggle.

The transition of the country from peace to the tumult and waste of war was appalling and swift: but the regeneration of its women kept pace with it. They lopped off superfluities, retrenched in expenditures, became deaf to the calls of pleasure, and heeded not the mandates of fashion. The incoming patriotism of the hour swept them to the the loftiest height of devotion, and they were eager to do, to bear, or to suffer for the beloved country. The fetters of caste and conventionalism dropped at their feet, and they sat together, patrician and plebeian, Protestant and Catholic, and scraped lint and rolled bandages, or made garments for the poorly clad soldiery.

An order was sent to Boston for five thousand shirts for the Massachusetts troops at the South. Every church in the city sent a delegation of needle-women to "Union Hall," heretofore used as a ball-room. The Catholic priests detailed five hundred sewing girls to the pious work. Suburban towns rang the bell of the town-hall to muster the seamstresses. The plebeian Irish Catholic of South Boston ran the sewing-machine, while patrician Protestants of Beacon Street cut and basted, and the shirts were done at the rate of a thousand a day. On Thursday, Dorothea Dix sent an order for five hundred shirts for her hospital in Washington. On Friday they were cut, made and packed, and sent on their way that night. Similar events were of common occurrence in every other city. The zeal and devotion of women no more flagged through the war than did that of the army in the field. They rose to the height of every emergency, and through all discouragements and reverses maintained a sympathetic unity between the soldiers and themselves that gave to the former a marvelous heroism.

At a meeting in Washington during the war, called in the interest of the Sanitary Commission, President Lincoln said: "I am not accustomed to use the language of eulogy. I have never studied the art of paying compliments to women. But I must say, that if all that has been said by orators and poets since the creation of the world, in praise of women, was applied to the women of America, it would not do them justice for their conduct during this war. I will close by saying, God bless the women of America!"

Entirely unacquainted with the requirements of war and the needs of soldiers, it was inevitable that the first movements of women for army relief should be misdirected. They could not manifest more ignorance, however, or blunder more absurdly, than did the government in its early attempts to build up an effective and disciplined army. Both learned by blundering. And out of the chaos of individual benevolence and abounding patriotism with which women confronted the war in the beginning, the Sanitary Commission finally emerged, with its carefully elaborated plans and its marvellous system. In this men and women worked together, with unflagging zeal, till the war ended. From first to last women were its inspiration and its energizing force, and, as Dr. Bellows constantly affirmed, "There was nothing wanting in the plans of the women of the commission that business men commonly think peculiar to their own methods."

The development of those years, and the impetus given to women by the swift logic of events, which they rapidly learned and have never forgotten, has been wonderfully manifested since that time. They are seen in the temperance, missionary, philanthropic educational and political organizations which they have formed and conducted with phenomenal success.

THE CHRISTMAS ANGEL.

BY EDITH M. THOMAS.

Dearest, I never lacked from thee a gift,
Nor thou from me, until this Christmas-tide,
When more than Summer's wrecked treasures hide
Beneath the stainless, smooth, wind-sculptured drift.

What largess once love's least bestowal brought!
But change has come since thou art wandered hence;
How can I reach thee in thy affluence?
Can Earth bestow when Heaven requireth naught!

All blessedness is thine,—thou still canst give,
I but receive; and since this must suffice,
Entreat thou of our Lord in Paradise,
For me, the gift of patience while I live.

And come thou when the red dawn-fire is blown,
And reeking fir-trees shed the snow's light fleece;
Come with the Christmas angels, singing peace,—
They to the wide world, thou to me alone!

Angel Chorus.

Be peace on earth! Clear peace,
That hath its springs in love,
Descend, and flow through earth
As through the courts above;
Let restless mortals feel
The broodings of the Dove.
As night-winds lapse at dawn,
As calms the oiled wave,
Let anger fall of breath,
And hatred find its grave;
For Heaven still waits to give
As Heaven in old-time gave.

A Voice Alone.

Peace in thy heart! Pure peace,
My sorrowing love, be thine!
Thy night was deep and dark,
But daybreak brings a sign,—
Amid the angels' song
God lets thee hearken mine.
Thy own in years of time,
Lo, I am still thy own
Where time no measure knows
Before our Maker's throne;
I am not reft of thee,
Nor hidest thou alone.

Angel Chorus.

Good-will on earth! Good will
Among well-pleasured men,
Who carve the ways whereby
Their King shall come again—
Who carve and wait, nor ask
How he shall come, or when.
The rose shall then spring up,
To conquer waste and wild,
And might and frailty be
Forever reconciled;
The lion and the lamb
Be guided by a child!

A Voice Alone.

Good-will be in thy heart,
To all who thee surround!
Bear balm to others' hurt
And this shall close thy wound;
So thou on earth and I
In heaven be closer bound.
For all my life is love,
And love thy life should be;
Oh, let love's shadow, grief,
Divide not thee and me—
Look where the dawn-rose blooms,
And there my signal see!

From "Lyrics and Sonnets."

Written for the PRESS.

MISS LUCILLA'S CHRISTMAS STOCKING.

BY E. CAVAZZA.

I.

The December afternoon was come to its close. The air was full of the expectant rest, and the earth eager with the busy rush that belongs to the days just before Christmas; and against the darkened sky, the slender shape of the moon was bent as if searching for a star, lost from among her many.

Miss Lucilla Amory, sitting at her window, somewhat resembled the little thin moon, as she leaned forward to watch the tide of people, moving this way and that, carrying packages that meant Christmas. She wished that she knew what all these parcels contained—this tenderhearted old maiden lady—not indeed from curiosity, but because she would have liked to picture to herself what sort of happiness all those other persons were to enjoy on Christmas day. One neatly dressed little woman slipped on the icy sidewalk; and Miss Lucilla pulled herself together for sympathy. The woman did not fall, she saved herself; but in the act of recovering her balance, she dropped from her hand a paper bag which, bursting, scattered ears of pop-corn upon the sidewalk. She first looked quickly around, to see if anyone were laughing at her mishap—and then laughed, herself. She gathered up the fallen ears, and proceeded on her way; while Miss Lucilla's fancy, picking up like a pigeon the scattered kernels of corn, went on to tell a Christmas story, of a group of children on the hearth-rug before a blazing fire, the oldest shaking the corn-popper, while the others watched the prosaic little kernels bloom out into white flowers like those of the alpine edelweiss. Then a cart came by, drawn by oxen, laden with long green Christmas trees with snow clinging here and there to their branches—and Miss Lucilla recalled legends which she had read, and half wondered if, at the moment of midnight before the dawn of Christmas day, these oxen would be found kneeling in their stalls. Now came a carriage, full of pretty children with their governess, a confusion of blonde heads, velvet coats and brown paper parcels. Now there passed, a woman with her little daughter, both dressed in deep black—perhaps they, more than the others, understand the meaning of Christmas, thought Miss Lucilla.

Meanwhile, a certain injustice has been done to sweet Miss Lucilla Amory, under which she shall no longer remain. The silver bent head, her fragile shape of an old gentlewoman may have resembled a curved moon in a winter sky, to an observer who, from the sidewalk below the second-story window where she sat, should have looked up and seen her patiently watching in the twilight. But Miss Lucilla was, by nature and by principle, little given to idle musings; so she drew down the window-shade and lighted her lamp. And now one who had seen her would have compared her, rather, to a withered tea-rose which dries without fading; its soft texture and pallid young tints deepening to a color such as warmed Miss Lucilla's wrinkled cheeks. She seated herself near the lamp; and folded accurately a pair of fine black silk stockings, to mend which she had availed herself of the last moments of daylight.

She sat in the center of the room which was her home. Here she had gathered close together all that was left of what had been good in her past years; she had resolutely discarded troubles which were not worthy to be kept; other griefs she treasured with the remembrance of her few and simple joys. The life of this woman, innocent and almost without a history, had not been happy.

The house where she was living, was the house where she was born. She could dimly remember years when she might have been a careless little girl, like the others, were it not for a grim atmosphere that filled the house, hushing laughter or any happy noise. Little Lucilla had seen now her father's hard, cold nature ruled everything; he was bitter and miserly, with the conscientious unconscious cruelty of a certain New England type. His wife bore all in silence; Lucilla, too, had been silent, at first with the proud anger of a young heart, then from habit. The mother, dying, slipped upon the girl's slim finger a ring of red gold set with a ruby—all that was left to her of the time when she, like every other bride, dreamed of happiness. She gave her baby boy into Lucilla's charge; and the girl, with all her soul on her lips, promised to take the best care that she could of little Alfred.

The father mourned his wife in his own way, with resentment to the child that reminded him of his loss. These were dreary years to which Miss Lucilla would not look back; years when she had to see the brave spirit of little Alfred driven into small deceits by the unreasonable harshness of his father; when the boy's childish dignity had been insulted by his father's mean suspicions—and Lucilla had coaxed and charmed him into peace as best she might. "And between us both, Heaven help me," would young Lucilla say to herself, "Alfred will be spoiled!"

How far he was spoiled, was only known to the Heaven that poor Lucilla, in her helplessness, invoked—but it is certain that, at the age of sixteen, Alfred Amory forged his father's check for a few hundred dollars; and was driven out of the homestead by his father's uplifted cane and followed by his father's angry voice, while the sister stood in the doorway, white and tearless.

After that day, as long as the old man lived, nothing had been heard of Alfred. One year was like another, eventless and miserable; the mean tyranny of her father closed about Lucilla like a coffin; and she seemed frozen into a monumental image of patience. At length the old man was gathered to his fathers—who, no doubt were partly responsible for his Puritanic unlovelliness—and Lucilla was free. Youth had gone by without tempting her by any of its roses or roundelays; most piteous of all, she had not even wished for happiness. An icicle does not desire the sunbeams.

When, one day, she read in a chance copy of a Chicago newspaper, the notice of the death of Alfred Amory, Lucilla sat still for a day and a night and a morrow; and then the crying of a sleepy child, heard through the open window where during all those hours the winter air had blown in and she had not felt it, recalled to her the babyhood of her brother—and the poor old ice-maiden melted in a freshet of weeping. It renewed her, as April rain makes young again the earth; and Miss Lucilla felt that her boy was near once more to her forlorn heart. "It is past now," she said, "he is all mine again, my little Alfred."

What might have been the history of her brother after he left the homestead, she did not know. She even came to care less and less, leaving it with Heaven.

Life grew more healthful with Miss Lucilla; she opened the door of the old house, and took in, as tenants of her first floor, for companionship and in order to add to her slender annuity, a widow and her daughter. A pleasant friendship was grown up between them; and young Susie Banfield, with the help of her maltese kitten, was quite equal to the duty of dispelling the shadows which sometimes gathered around the older women.

It was this same Susie who now tapped at Miss Lucilla's door. The old lady turned a half-drawn sigh into an invitation to enter, and in a moment Susie Banfield's lively presence filled the room. Even the tall clock, and the sampler worked in silks by Miss Lucilla's mother, and the old Lowestoft tea-cups, each one signed with its rose, and the ivory miniatures and "snips" in black paper that formed the little collection of family portraits—seemed to brighten visibly when Susie, with her inevitable kitten on her shoulder, came into the place.

"I am glad to see you, Susie," said Miss Lucilla. "How are you, and how is Juggernaut?"

Juggernaut was the kitten; a system of sacrifices in his behalf upon the part of the family had suggested this name to the lively imagination of a young man who hoped one of those days to become one of the family, himself. If the kitten mewed, it was a point of honor with Susie, Susie's mother and Miss Lucilla to vie in interpreting his wishes. He chose meals served at all hours; he would perforce be held in the lap; nothing would content him but that the window be left open or the house-door ajar while he sat irresolute upon the sill. He liked to sally forth in the early evening for a noble mouse-hunt, return with spoils, and mew at unholy hours of the night to call Susie to let him in to the kitchen, where his basket stood by the warm stove. There is no doubt that as an idol exacting blind submission from his devotees, that kitten could have given points to the original Juggernaut.

Meanwhile, the beloved tyrant sat poised on the shoulder of his mistress. "I am well, thank you," Susie replied to Miss Lucilla's question. "Juggy sneezes a little." She sat down beside the old lady. "What lovely stockings," she said, "they are fine as a black cobweb, if there is such a thing. And, oh Miss Lucilla, you've been darning them!"

Susie drew the stocking over her plump hand, to admire the darns. All Miss Lucilla's carefulness of a daughter of the Puritans had been turned toward the mending of her hose, and the result was marvellous. It is hardly too much to compare the faithful needle-work of the old gentlewoman to the wonders of mediæval monkish carving; it was equally an act of conscience.

"It's prettier than Kensington embroidery," pronounced Susie. "Such lovely stockings!" she repeated.

Now Susie Banfield presided over the hosiery department of a fashionable shop, and knew how to appreciate the dainty old hose.

"They are very old," observed Miss Lucilla, "old enough to go alone by this time.

"But so very, very small of their age," objected Susie. "What a mite of a foot you have, Miss Lucilla."

Gentle Miss Lucilla, in the St. Martins' summer of her life that had missed its Maytime, liked a merited compliment to the address of her refined little hands and feet, as well as if she were a young beauty. She bridled a little, and waived the tribute by recommending to the kitten not to let his mistress be a flatterer.

"Juggy loves to be praised, he does," said Susie, "nothing is too strong or too sweet for Juggy, bless him. Was him too beautiful for anything, kitsy?"

The question being too obvious to need reply, Juggernaut merely rubbed his head against Susie's cheek.

"Was it busy to-day at the shop?" asked Miss Lucilla.

"A perfect hive of busy bees," answered Susie. "The customers came in crowds especially to the fancy work and toy counters; and we had spread our wax very neatly, built to sell, you may believe. I simply thank my stars that I haven't to sell dolls with one hand and tin 'roaming turtles' with the other as Lil Foster does; and Flora Johnson says she expects to become color-blind, matching so many ribbons and embroidery silks. My counter isn't so popular just now; when people bring their children to be fitted with stockings, the tots twist about, and keep their eyes on the toy counter, and tease their mammas not to wait for change. There was a boy of that style to-day, about three years old, a perfect beauty but such a mischief, and his mamma had to let him trot off with ten cents to buy a 'roaming turtle' so that she could select her stockings in peace. They were elegant, the richest stockings we have in the store. Only think, Miss Lucilla, they were pearl-gray silk embroidered with very tiny daisies in silver thread, and real lace let in at the instep. But they weren't a bit nicer silk than yours, nor finer," Susie finished.

"I had mine more than fifty years ago," said Miss Lucilla. "They were bought for me to wear at my little brother's christening. They were white, then. Afterward I had them dyed black; and whenever I have been invited anywhere, I always have felt dressed enough, even in an old gown, to wear the stockings my mother bought for me.

And the old lady caressed the folded stockings with her slender hand on which gleamed an old fashioned ring of thin red gold, set with a heart-shaped ruby.

"More than fifty years," commented Susie. "In fifty years there is time for so much to happen."

"And I have found that in the course of fifty years there is much time when nothing happens," said Miss Lucilla, seriously. "Those are the years which close together as we look backward. The longest in passing, they seem the shortest when past."

"I suppose so," acquiesced Susie, wondering how it would feel, to be an old lady. At least, Fred would be old too; so she would not mind it so very much.

While the two women were musing for a moment—the one of the past, the other of the future—little Juggernaut, with the irreverence of a kitten, patted the silk stockings, which were rolled in a manner to tempt his paw. The stockings fell from Miss Lucilla's knee, and the kitten went head foremost after them. The spell was broken. The clock struck the hour in its deliberate fashion; Susie picked up Juggernaut and took her departure. "Goodbye," she said, "say goodnight to the lady, Juggy pet. I shall simply dream of your darning, Miss Lucilla."

"You must let me do a little of it for you, sometime, my dear," replied the old gentlewoman, with a pulsation of refined pleasure in the power to do a little act of graciousness.

"If I am ever rich enough to have silk stockings, and dance enough to wear them out," laughed Susie, "I shall remember your promise. Come, Juggy, and have his supper."

The kitten nestled close to Susie's neck. "Eh! take your claws out of my ruche," she cried. "Haven't I told you never, no never, to have pins in your toes for me, my precious Juggy?"

And down the staircase she went murmuring praises to which the idol responded with purring.

II.

The shop where Susie Banfield was employed had been made glorious with Christmas goods. Crystal, many-faceted in odor bottles and vinaigrettes, beveled for the edge of the polished plate of mirrors, sent rainbow lights across to the counter where the laces lay like frost under the capricious play of color. Here were handkerchiefs—from the gaily printed Kate Greenaway designs for the artistic solace of baby noses, to the superb embroideries behind which a duchess might hide her smiles. Here were dress goods for holiday festivities; velvets in the darker colors, and satins and silks in all the tints of rose and violet and lemon and apricot. Crewels and flosses in a thousand shades were wrought into wonders of embroidery, and scattered among them were dainty trifles for work basket or toilette table. Here were linen damasks in endless variety of exquisite designs, making little appeal to the careless observer in the quiet value of their whiteness. Near by was the toy counter, where it seemed as if the world had been made for children and their dolls. Beauties in French bisque, and dear little cuddlesome girl dolls sat in pretty groups, amid an indescribable confusion of toys and games; and brightly painted tin "roaming turtles" basked in the sunny smiles of the young woman who presided over the scene.

Not far away was the hosiery counter, and behind it stood Susie Banfield, with a sympathizing expression in her blue eyes, while her customer of the previous day, she of the gray and silver stockings, related her grievance.

"My dreadful little boy," she was saying "wanted a tin turtle, and, of course, had it. Yesterday afternoon I sat tranquilly reading, and Boy was so quiet I knew he must be in mischief. I laid down my book to go to find him, and heard him calling like a canary bird, 'Mamma! I fixed a Kissmus present for you.' I went into my bedroom; and there, pinned to the mantel scarf, hung a stocking, one of my new gray silk stockings—and that terrible tin turtle was thrust, head first, into it! Of course its paws had torn the top of the stocking; and from the rents, long ladders of dropped stitches ran nearly to the foot. See what a wreck!" concluded the lady, holding out for Susie's inspection a small parcel.

Susie checked an impulse to laugh, and declared it was too bad.

"And you are quite, quite sure, that you have no more stockings like these?" said the customer.

Susie took down various boxes; other tints of the same fashion were to be found, but not the delicate pearl gray desired.

"I'm so sorry," said Susie. Then a brilliant idea occurred to her mind. "If you cared," she said, "to have this one mended—if you will trust it to me, I think it can be done for you."

"I shall be really grateful if you will," answered the customer; "without these stockings the entire effect of my gown will be spoiled." She took a gold piece from her purse. "If you will kindly pay for me whoever does the work," she said, "and have the stocking sent early this evening to the X Hotel, I shall be greatly obliged to you."

Susie promised. At the noon recess she availed herself of some moments of liberty to run home and claim at Miss Lucilla's hands the promised specimen of fine darning, also prevailing upon her to accept the relative gold piece.

That evening, Susie induced her lover to escort her to the X hotel; since to no hand of errand boy or district messenger would she entrust the triumph of needlework for which she held herself personally responsible.

Fred and Susie, indeed, went no farther than the office of the hotel; but the readers of the PRESS shall be privileged to see the reception accorded to the restored stocking. Marie, the French maid, in neat cap and apron, received the package from the hands of the bell boy; and hastened with it to the room where her mistress stood before a mirror, giving the last touches to her toilette of pearl-gray silk and rosy chrysanthemums. One foot was already dressed; a gray satin slipper awaited the other foot, at the moment thrust into a quilted shoe.

"Here, finally, is Madame's stocking," announced Marie.

"What lovely mending! it is like lace work. Maurice, come here a moment!" cried the young lady.

Her husband came from the next room, where he awaited her; and as she held up the stocking for him to admire it, something bright and hard fell from it and rolled on the carpet toward him. He picked it up. It was a worn ring of red gold set with a heart-shaped ruby—Miss Lucilla's ring. He scrutinized it, while his wife resigned her pretty foot into Marie's hands, to be dressed in its stocking and slipper.

"Heavens!" exclaimed Maurice Amory. "This ring must have belonged to my grandmother. Look, Violetta!"

He pointed out to his wife the inscription inside the ring: *Joel Amory to Althea Weston.* 1820.

"Your grandmother, Maurice? Did she mend my stocking? No, she couldn't; she must be nearly a hundred years old—she couldn't unless she were one of those perfectly dear old wonders in the country newspapers that make quilts and go to State fairs beside cutting all the hay. Maurice dear, what makes you look so serious? What does it all mean? Marie, you can go now."

As soon as the maid was departed, her French ears piqued with curiosity, Maurice Amory told the pretty woman by his side the sad story of his father's youth, his fault and his flight; how he had written again and again to his sister Lucilla, but had received no answer. "It may have been," said Maurice, "that my grandfather forbade my aunt to write; but my father believed her dead, for he thought that after their father's death, at least, Aunt Lucilla would have written. My idea is, that the old man kept the letters back, and that she never knew they were sent. Who can say what sort of a life poor little auntie will have led all these years. For I am sure she is alive and near us, Violetta—and may Heaven help me to find dear Aunt Lucilla, that I may give her a place in our home."

Violetta looked in amazement to see her husband so deeply moved from his customary composure of a man of business and of the clubs.

"How do you know she is alive, Maurice?" she asked.

"I do not know—I am only certain of it in my heart," her husband answered.

"You'd call me a dear little goose if I had said that," observed Violetta, glancing at the mirror.

"Violetta," said Maurice, taking her hand. "Look at me. Are you willing to take this dear Aunt Lucilla into our house—if we can find her—and help me to make her happy there, to charm her into forgetfulness of all her years of lonely sorrow?"

"Yes, indeed," answered the little woman, half crying. "I'll be perfectly delighted to, if you wish it, dear. But, Maurice, I'm perfectly certain that your awful old grandfather had a line down from his eyes to his nose when he was thinking hard, because you have one this very minute, and I shall begin to be afraid of you unless you say something nice instantly."

It is probable that her husband took compassion on Violetta's fears, and said "something nice, instantly." But all that evening his thoughts were anywhere but among the gay party where his Violetta danced like a roseleaf on the wind.

The next morning, as early as the lazy beauty could be persuaded to set forth, Maurice Amory and his wife presented themselves at the counter where Susie Banfield was re-arranging her stock of hosiery.

"Can you tell me," said the young man, "the address of the lady who mended the hose for my wife yesterday?"

"Wasn't it satisfactory?" asked Susie, ready to fly to the defense of Miss Lucilla's darning.

"Quite so." "Oh yes, perfectly," said Mr. and Mrs. Amory in chorus. "But a valuable ring was found in the stocking, and I wish to restore it to the lady," added the young man.

"I can take it to her," said Susie, with the instinct that, at all costs, Miss Lucilla must be shielded from contact with the world.

"I see that I must explain a little," said Mr. Amory, amused at Susie's innocent distrust. "I have reason to believe that this ring belongs to Miss Lucilla Amory, if she is still living. Miss Amory is my aunt."

"It does, she is, is she?" cried Susie, in great delight.

"Will you kindly give me her address,' pursued the young man.

Susie wrote it upon a slip of her salesbook, and gave it to him. "You won't startle dear Miss Lucilla too much, please," said the faithful Susie. She is not young, and she is a little nervous—and of course you can't know how she has longed to see some one of her own family."

"What would you advise?" asked Mr. Amory, interested by the girl's affectionate frankness in behalf of her old friend.

"I live in her house," Susie answered "and if you will wait until the afternoon, not too early, I can tell Miss Lucilla all about you at noon; and by five o'clock she will have thought it all over and become used to the idea—and ready to see you. She will be too glad!"

"I think you are quite right about it," said Mr. Amory, "and I am very greatly obliged to you. We shall come to my aunt's house at five o'clock this afternoon.

Violetta, with a vague impulse to formulate her gratitude, immediately purchased two dozen pairs of stockings for her little boy; and then, taking Susie's plump fingers in her own, she pressed them cordially. "Thank you ever so much," she said. "I know you have always been good to our aunt, and have done much more to make her happy than we have yet been able to do."

It is needless to say that Susie acquitted herself with great tact in her embassy to Miss Lucilla. Of course the old lady had missed her precious ring, had searched for it in places possible and impossible; had even accused the kitten of patting it off with his nefarious little paw. But not under the sofa, nor behind the stove, nor in a corner of the carpet, nor even in Juggernaut's well lined basket, was to be found the ruby ring.

At first, receiving the jewel from Susie, and hearing the story of the customers who brought it back to the hosiery counter—Miss Lucilla was confused with wonder. Then a light like a Christmas star arose in her eyes and shone throughout her face. Susie Banfield went away, closing the door softly behind her, and left Miss Lucilla alone with her memories and her hopes.

In the twilight came to her her nephew with his wife and little Alfred, the namesake of Aunt Lucilla's charge. As Susie, with her girlish wit had divined, Miss Lucilla had "thought it all over." Her old grief was changed from leaden to golden; her boy was trebly her own now in the coming of his son and his son's son; she was now upon the farther side of the sorrows of her life, the side where the light of another world already begins to fall upon the shadows of this.

"The old gentlewoman received her kinsfolk with a tender composure. "It seems to me that I have always been expecting you," she said.

She talked with Maurice of his father; and her timid old heart strengthened as he proudly told of the honorable life that had risen up from the ashes of Alfred Amory's repentance of his early fault. Meanwhile Violetta caressed the thin old hand that wore the ruby ring; and little Alfred played with Juggernaut at their feet, and rolled all the spools of Aunt Lucilla's workbasket for the amusement of himself and the kitten, an irresponsible pair.

After an hour was past, Maurice Amory rose to his feet. "Come, Aunt Lucilla," said he, "put on your bonnet, and Violetta shall help you get together your traps. We are at the X Hotel for a few days. I came to this city on business; I thought the firm sent me, but I incline now to believe it was my good angel. Partners don't look the part, and that is a fact. Effectually disguised, and totally unawares sort of angels they are. We have a pretty little home in Chicago, Auntie; and we try to live up to our blue china. But we lack atmosphere and distinction; we are painfully new and too accentuated. Violetta's friend, Miss Beacon of Boston, said so to a mutual acquaintance, who, of course, hastened to repeat it to my wife. She wasn't civil, but she was judicious. What we want to give tone to our little establishment is an ancestor, a sort of *tableau vivant* after Copey. Will you come and be all that to us, and more, Aunt Lucilla, and let Violetta and me try to make you happy with us?"

"Me too," added little Alfred, quitting the society of the kitten.

"Alfred's boy's boy," said Maurice holding the child toward his aunt.

The situation trembled on the verge of the tearful. It was saved by the irrepressible child.

"Aren't you glad, Aunt Lucilla," he said, "zat mamma and papa an' I was in your kismus stocking? Zere was a yoaming turtle in mamma's stocking, an' she 'splised me for putting it in. An' I don't know what will be in mine to-morrow morning, but you shall have half of it, Aunt Lucilla. But we was nice presents, wasn't we? All of us in your kissmus stocking, papa said so!"

"Yes, little Alfred," said Aunt Lucilla, kissing the child, "Auntie's stocking was full of happiness!"

This is, practically, the end of the story. But it may be added that Susie Banfield and her Fred were married last year, and Violetta Amory gave to the bride the trousseau, and household linen, selected with charming judgment. After the wedding, Juggernaut, with a white satin bow on his neck, formally removed from the first to the second floor of the old house presented by Miss Lucilla to the young married people, but he divides his time between their apartments and those of Mrs. Banfield on the floor below.

The Chicago home is happy, having acquired—Maurice declares—the perspective and *chiaro-scuro* of a real, live ancestor in the house; and pretty Violetta adores the dainty graces of the old gentlewoman. Little Alfred looks to Aunt Lucilla as the unfailing source of stories, bedtime talks and sugarplums, while in the child the faithful woman sees again her own Alfred, her little brother, surrounded by the love and comfort that are the right of a child, and growing in sunshine to the manliness that his grandfather attained only through error and grief.

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